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## COMMENT OF THE DAY

### Parliament's Work

**D**RAMATIC scenes, momentous events, political schisms, fierce controversies or self-interest questions are the general ingredients of parliamentary news appearing in Hongkong newspapers; but for these, Commons sessions have little to interest a distant community—even of Britain the reality of whose homeland is something of the distant past severed and made remote by the reality of the present unless home leave is around the corner.

It comes as a surprise therefore to learn that since the general election last year the House has been virtually in continuous session and has dealt with something like 100 bills of which about three-quarters have become acts and are on the Statute Book. The number is larger than usual, but only because the session has been longer than usual. Judged simply on the lists of acts passed, the session's work is better described in terms of solid worth than of spectacular or dramatic achievement. Thus, a Coal Industry bill streamlining nationalisation, a Clean Air Act regulating fuel consumption, amendments to the National Insurance Act providing wider and greater benefits, new powers to control road traffic and reduce highway accidents, and financial measures to attack inflation and curb various economic dangers are all part of Parliament's less spectacular but none the less important accomplishments.

**T**HE session closed with the setbacks to the motor car industry troubling many minds in Parliament but not apparently calling for any immediate parliamentary action that could be useful. And of even greater moment and concern are the problems that have arisen over the decision of the Egyptian President, Colonel Nasser, to nationalise the Suez Canal Company. Fortunately Parliament has had one opportunity to give expression to its views in last week's debate and much can now be left to executive action—though any sudden emergency may require Parliament's recall.

Of wide Commonwealth interest is the long contention over the abolition of the death penalty. The House of Commons agreed, after lengthy debate, to the bill promoted by the Labour backbencher, Mr Sidney Silverman in June. But last month the House of Lords disagreed and postponed further consideration until early next year. In the meantime, the Government has been less rigid in applying the death penalty, possibly pending a final decision.

**P**ARLIAMENT has given time and thought to foreign policy and defence. These debates came timely after a summer of high-level discussion in which Sir Anthony Eden and other ministers saw first Marshal Bulganin and Mr Khrushchev and later their Commonwealth colleagues.

In the sphere of constitutional advancement in the colonial territories Parliament has displayed considerable activity. It has dealt with a measure to bring into being the British Caribbean Federation; it has encouraged the Gold Coast on its advance to independent status within the Commonwealth, and it has discussed Malta's ambitions for a new status and heard a commission of its own members propose the integration of Malta with the United Kingdom.

When Parliament reassembles in October there remain a few bills to complete. And by then it will be time, after the party conferences, to try to assess what Sir Anthony Eden's Government should be putting into the Queen's speech to indicate the programme for its third year of office.

# MENZIES' DRAMATIC DECISION

## Cancels Tour Because Of Grave Suez Crisis MAY RETURN TO LONDON

Washington, Aug. 5.

Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Prime Minister, announced tonight he was calling off his visit to Japan and other Far East nations because of the seriousness of the Suez Canal crisis.

Mr Menzies cancelled arrangements for the flight that was to take him to Japan, Thailand, Malaya, the Philippines, and Indonesia only 90 minutes before he was due to leave Washington national airport.

Mr Menzies said in a prepared statement later that he would remain in Washington and be in constant touch with United States, British and Australian government officials on the problems arising from Egypt's seizure of the Suez Canal installations.

"The urgency of the problem is such that I think it would not be proper to be too far detached from events just at present," Mr Menzies said.

Australian officials said that the governments which expected Mr Menzies to visit them had received personal messages of apology for the sudden change in plans.

Following is the full text of Mr Menzies' statement issued after he had conferred by telephone with the acting Prime Minister, Sir Arthur Fadden:

"Having regard to the serious problem of the Suez Canal, the fact that Australia will be participating in the conference and the importance of the matter to Australia, I have decided to postpone visit to Japan and other eastern countries."

### WILL DETERMINE NEXT MOVE

"I shall remain in the United States for two or three days, in the course of which I shall maintain contact with my own government, with Mr Dulles, and with the United Kingdom. I shall then be in a position to determine what next move I should make."

"The urgency of the problem is such that I think it would not be proper to be too far detached from events just at present."

Mr Menzies' reference to his "next move" and the fact that Australia would be participating in the London conference as influencing his decision to remain in Washington was interpreted immediately as a hint that he might go to London should events further worsen in the Middle East.

Mr Menzies has privately expressed a very strong desire to attend the London conference. Working from the Australian Embassy in Washington, the Prime Minister has been in contact from hour to hour with the US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, British authorities, and Canberra.

He has used every ounce of the vast prestige he enjoys in Washington to impress the United Kingdom's view of the crucial nature of the Suez events.

### EMERGENCY CABINET MEETING

In Australia, Sir Arthur Fadden, acting Prime Minister, has called an emergency meeting of the Cabinet for early this week to define Australia's attitude to the economic, military and diplomatic aspects of the Suez situation.

The Canberra correspondent of the Melbourne Sun-News Pictorial said the meeting would take place on Tuesday and would consider what support Australia should give Britain in any armed intervention over the matter.

Turkey today announced that she had accepted the Western invitation to the 24-nation London talks, bringing the total of acceptances to eight so far.

A Persian decision on the Western invitation to the London conference is expected tomorrow. A government spokesman said the Persian Cabinet had discussed the subject today.

### TAKING POSITIVE ATTITUDE

A West German decision is also expected within the next few days. A government spokesman said last week that

## SOVIET PAPERS ATTACK PROPOSED CONFERENCE

Moscow, Aug. 5.

Soviet newspapers today attacked the aims of the proposed London Suez Canal conference as "an attempt to restore imperialist domination" over the canal.

The first Soviet press comments about the proposed conference to appear since the West sent the Soviet Union an invitation last Friday indicated that the Russians are likely to reply with arguments against any plans for the international control of the canal, Western observers said.

The newspaper Soviet Russia said the very fact that last week's British-French-American talks were held was an "unadmissible interference in the internal affairs of an independent State" and the Western plan for internationalisation "is thus a question of establishing foreign control over the Suez Canal."

### "Unjustified"

The newspaper added: "This plan cannot be called anything else but an attempt to restore imperialist domination over this most important waterway, force Egypt to renounce nationalistic and to compel it to capitulate. It is not surprising that the British-French-American joint statement caused indignation among the Egyptian people."

Foreign intervention was unjustified because the Egyptian government promised to carry out all its international obligations.

## Send In Warships Urges McCarthy

Washington, Aug. 5.

Senator Joseph McCarthy today called for military action to break President Nasser's hold on the Suez Canal.

He called the Egyptian leader a "crookpot and a screwball."

Senator McCarthy (Republican, Wisconsin) said in a televised interview that the United States, Britain and France should "definitely" send in warships to "clear up the mouth of the harbour, clear up the canal and make sure they've got the same free use of the canal that we had previously."

"I think that is very necessary," he added.

Senator McCarthy said he did not believe such a course would lead to war because Egypt was not in a position to wage war against any major power and asked "how would the Russians set over there?"

He said Colonel Nasser was "trying to blackmail the United States and Great Britain because we refuse to donate him the money to build the Aswan Dam."—Reuter.

## Iraq, Britain's Best Friend, Supports Egypt

Baghdad, Aug. 5.

Iraq, Britain's best friend in the Arab world, today lined up on the side of Egypt in the Suez Canal dispute.

A government communique said tonight: "Iraq stands behind Egypt." It said also that nationalisation was the undoubted right of any nation.

The statement was issued after a two-hour meeting of the Council of Ministers in the home of Premier Nouri el-Said, who returned from London this morning. King Feisal of Iraq is now in Britain on a State visit and is a guest of the Duke of Edinburgh at the Cowes racing week.

The Iraqi decision was a major blow to Britain. Iraq is the one Arab nation in the pro-Western Baghdad Pact, the "Northern Tier" defence line.

The five-nation Baghdad Pact has run into trouble since its inception 18 months ago. Its members are Britain, Turkey, and Pakistan. Iraq's membership in the pact has put a strain on its relations with the rest of the Arab nations, particularly Egypt, which has seen the Pact as a threat to itself.

### News At Dinner

Iraq is the third oil producer in the Middle East and has been one of Britain's top allies in the area.

Both King Feisal and Premier el-Said were at the dinner party in London when the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, received the news of the seizure of the Canal.

(In London, the British Foreign Office reserved comment on the Iraqi action.)

The Iraqi government declared it would "stand beside Egypt in order to ensure her liberty, sovereignty and independence."

The government communique commenting on Egyptian nationalisation of the Canal said also:

"The government of Iraq considers nationalisation an indisputable right of nations and simultaneously hopes wisdom prevails in solving the dispute."—United Press.

### PAGING NASSER AND HITLER

Tel-Aviv, Aug. 5.

An announcer touched off an uproar at Lydda airport here today when he urged in turn "Nasser" and "Hitler," two of the least popular names in Israel.

Waiting - room passengers burst into laughter when the call was answered by Albert Hitler, a German-American Jew, and Rueben Nasser, a Jewish immigrant from Iran, who happened to be passing through at the same time.—France-Press.

### Going Round Cape

Mombasa, Kenya Aug. 5.

The Royal Navy tank landing ship Narvik arrived in Mombasa today after being diverted from the Suez Canal route on her way home from the Far East.

She called to refuel and take on water and provisions for her journey around the Cape of Good Hope.—Reuter.

### Syrian Oil Threat

Damascus, S. Aug. 5.

Syrian oil workers threatened today to cut the only significant oil pipeline bypassing the Suez Canal if the West takes action against Egypt.

A union oil leader at Dier-el-Zour in eastern Syria called on oil workers to be ready for a "national struggle" in support of Egypt's nationalisation of the Suez Canal.—United Press.

## Charged With Poisoning His Son

Palermo, Aug. 5.

Investigating magistrates last night charged bandit Salvatore Pisciotta with the strychnine poisoning of his own son Gaspare, the man who betrayed and killed bandit king Salvatore Giuliano.

Gaspare Pisciotta, the brother-in-law, former right-hand man and self-proclaimed slayer of "Sicilian Robin Hood" Giuliano, was found dead in his cell in gaol in Palermo in 1954, after drinking a cup of coffee. A medical report that he died of poisoning touched off a nationwide sensation, and the Communist press hinted at the time that he might have been poisoned by police because he "knew too much."

The investigating section of the Palermo Court of Appeals yesterday blamed the murder on Gaspare's father Salvatore Pisciotta, who shared his cell at the time. An arrest warrant on murder charges was served last night to Salvatore Pisciotta, still in gaol for a previous offence.

### THE THEORY

The magistrates' theory was that Salvatore Pisciotta murdered his son after Gaspare mentioned him as an accomplice in a kidnapping case. Old Pisciotta was sentenced to a gaol term as a result of his son's testimony.

The magistrates grew suspicious after prison guards testified old Pisciotta watched his dying son with "irrepressible indifference" and bused himself with wiping dry the coffee cups from which they had drunk.

Informed sources said police experts found traces of strychnine both in a sugar box on the rag Salvatore Pisciotta used to clean the cups.

Gaspare Pisciotta made headlines in 1951 when he claimed during his bandit trial that he and not police—killed his boss Salvatore Giuliano, for five years the terror of Sicily.—United Press.

### Shipment Stopped

Liverpool, Aug. 5.

Britain today halted an arms shipment to Lebanon because it was going on an Egyptian ship. A Foreign Office spokesman said the arms would be shipped to the Lebanon "as soon as possible," but not in an Egyptian ship.—United Press.

### Today's Rainfall

The Royal Observatory registered 1.9 inches of rain between 1 a.m. and 10 a.m. today, and for the 24-hour period ending at 10 o'clock this morning had recorded 2.73 inches.

An inch of rain was registered by the Observatory between 7 and 8 today.

## STOP PRESS

### MURDER CHARGE

Quik Has-che, 30-year-old Malayan-born Chinese, was charged before Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning with the murder of Mr A. J. Clifford in Des Voeux Road Central, on Saturday.

He was remanded for three days in Police custody, on the application of Detective Inspector J. B. Howarth.

## 60-YEAR SEPARATION ENDS IN MARRIAGE

New York, Aug. 5. Childhood sweethearts Benjamin French, 82, and Mabel Smith, 79, were married today after a 60-year separation caused by a jealous woman.

French, a retired baker and widower, and the girl who first became engaged to him when she was only 19, were married in a simple ceremony at Audubon congregational church at Tiverton, Four Corners. "Our love never faded," the smiling bridegroom said. "We simply picked up where we left off. I'm sure we'll have a wonderful marriage and many years of wedded bliss."

French and Mabel Smith were sweethearts in 1896 when they both lived here. Then Miss Smith's family moved to Chester, Massachusetts, separating the two young people.

### SET HER CAP

The family left behind in Tiverton a young woman who had been their housekeeper. She had set her cap for French and decided to break up his romance with Miss Smith.

The former housekeeper opened a poison-pen campaign. She sent letters to Mabel telling her Ben was carrying on with Tiverton girls. Then she told French untruths about Mabel.

The hoax was climaxed when the former housekeeper sent Mabel a newspaper clipping telling of the death of a man named "B. French," who was killed in an accident.

### TWICE WIDOWED

Thinking French was the victim, Miss Smith married. Her husband died and she married again. Her second husband died this year, French also married. His wife died in 1935.

The couple met by surprise when French returned to Tiverton for a family reunion three months ago.

After a three-month courtship, they decided that they would get married at last. "When I met her again," French said, "I got to feeling like I did when we were young. When you've got something good, it never fades. It's always there."—United Press.

## Time To Call A Halt

Washington, Aug. 5. A Republican and two Democrat senators tonight called for an end of public discussion of President Eisenhower's health.

"Let us have a moratorium from the daily diagnoses, the two-candidate commentaries and the degrading spectacle of our chief executive being shown in the light of a guinea pig," Senator Mike Mansfield said.

Senator George Malone (Republican, Nevada) said it was "all a bunch of foolishness to keep discussing the President's health."

He added: "We are going to nominate Eisenhower and whoever he wants for vice-president and elect them in November."—Reuter.

## ELEVEN CONVICTS ESCAPE

Six Recaptured

Santa Ana, Calif., Aug. 5. Eleven convicts awaiting sentencing used soap and hacksaws to slither and cut their way out of the County Jail last night. A convict's mother was the first person to tell the police about the mass escape.

Six were captured by noon today. None of the five still free were dangerous, according to officers.

Officers said there were several murderers in gaol but only one escaped. "One of them was too fat to get through the narrow opening if he'd wanted to," said Deputies.

### 8' BY 20"

Thirty others imprisoned for felony in the same "tank" remained. The inmates, awaiting sentencing for crimes including murder, bad checks, burglary, kidnapping and car theft, undressed, soaped themselves and slipped through an opening only eight by 20 inches into a tunnel by their "tank." They followed the short utility pipe tunnel to a ventilator shaft, dressed themselves, climbed four storeys up the shaft to the roof, and then lowered themselves into an alley with strips of mattress covers.

Captain Clyde Gathright said bars were cut at the tunnel and the ventilator shaft.

### OUTMODED GAOL

"Our gaol is old, outmoded and overcrowded," he said. "Maybe we'll get a new one now."

Captain Gathright said prisoners awaiting sentencing keep their civilian clothes because they have to be available at any time for sentence or probation hearing in Court. He said the break occurred at the quietest time of the week, when four deputies were on duty.

The first two recaptured were Kenneth McLean, 20, and William Jarvis, 19, who were spotted near the gaol in a stolen car. Shortly after another four were picked up in Compton—Loyal Elgers, armed robber, Frank Laul, first-degree murder, John Donohoe, car theft, and Richard Vega, kidnapping.—United Press.

## Expect Bluff To Be Called

London, Aug. 5. Jack Harris, assistant to the Director of the Suez Canal Company, who arrived back from the Canal today, said the Egyptians think that President Nasser's "bluff" would be called soon and "did not appear to mind much."

The Suez Canal Company official said: "Things are extremely quiet in the Canal zone at the moment. The Egyptians seem to think that Nasser's bluff will be called soon and do not seem to mind much. But it will probably mean the end of him as a dictator."

Another member of the party, Mrs Volpe Fuller, said: "Most of the Egyptians seem to be content to wait until next year when they expect to march into Israel."—France-Press.

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## ATOM BOMB WARNING

### Scientist Predicts Premature Deaths

Calcutta, Aug. 5. Professor J. B. S. Haldane, the eminent British Scientist, today gave warning if Atom bombs continued to be exploded for another twenty years or so at the present rate, the total number of cases of premature deaths in future generations would run into several hundred thousands.

Many of these deaths, he said, might be prenatal and there would be a large increase in chronic ailments and deformity.

Professor Haldane who was addressing a rally in observance of the Hiroshima Day to mark the dropping of the first Atom bomb on the Japanese city—commented the Indian Government's policy regarding nuclear weapons. (India has called on world powers to cease Atom and Hydrogen bomb tests.)

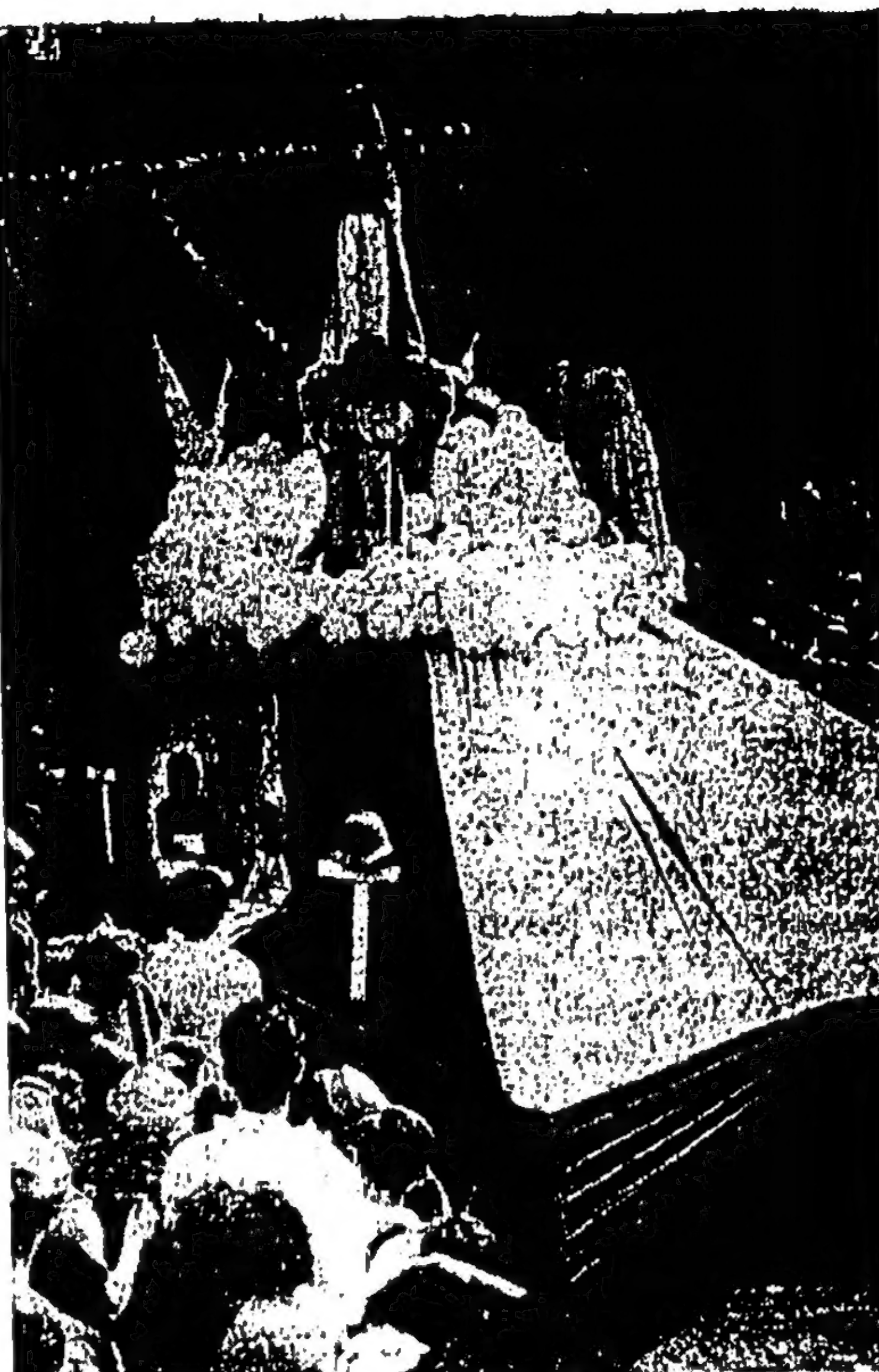
#### BETTER POLICY

India's policy was vastly better than Britain's or America's, he said.

The danger from nuclear weapons was certainly greater in India than in England, "perhaps only one or two times or perhaps twenty times."

Indian physicians had detected a fall of dust and radioactive substance in human food like vegetables but they had not yet published quantitative data, he added.—Reuter.

### Italians Stage Procession In London



The procession of "Our Lady of Mount Carmel," an annual ceremony of the Italian colony in the city's Clerkenwell district, was held recently. Pictured is "Queen of Peace," one of the tableaux in the procession.—London Express Photo.

## A Prison For Women With A New Look

Melbourne, Aug. 5. Iron bars have given way to frilly coloured curtains in Australia's newest prison for women.

Until recently, women prisoners in Victoria were kept in a section of the grim grey-blue stone fortress at Pentridge, the state's main prison in the Melbourne suburb of Coburg.

Now, male prisoners have Pentridge to themselves and women serving long or short sentences for offences anywhere in Victoria are a community group at Fairlea, in Melbourne's rural outskirts.

#### 'Cheerful'

The prison is named Fairlea, and its atmosphere is cheerful and friendly.

Prisoners there learn to become dressmakers, machinists, laundresses, cooks and waitresses and good citizens.

"We try for more than detention. We try for rehabilitation," said the matron, Miss K. Perrin.

"We want to provide these women with new horizons, to put them in touch with things which they have never known."

"We try to foster the good instincts in the heart of every woman."

Fairlea is a group of one-storey buildings, painted fresh white, set around a central garden shaded by fifty-year-old oaks and elms. Each of the buildings has smaller in-

dividual beds around it and outside the group of buildings open ground is being cultivated for flowers and vegetables.

Beyond are fences, but they are of wire, not stone walls, and even the wire will be hidden by flowering trees and creepers.

There is room for 100, which is about twice the number of women normally under sentence in Victoria.

They sleep in three large airy dormitories and twenty-one single rooms.

The rooms are for well-behaved, long-term prisoners who graduate to them from the dormitories. At present each of four women imprisoned for murder has a room to herself.

The white-painted dormitories have brightly-coloured frilly curtains at the windows and embroidered bedspreads.

Pastel pink doors lead into the attractive single rooms, each painted in a different colour.

Beside each bed is a small chest of drawers for personal belongings. There are pictures on the walls. And windows, open to fresh breezes, give vistas of lavender and roses.

Pale pastel-green walls and grey curtains make the big assembly hall a cheerful place.

#### Easy Chairs, Radios

There are modern bath and toilet blocks, recreation rooms furnished with easy chairs, radios and table tennis equipment; there are the latest design washing and drying machines in the laundry and the kitchen has a dishwasher and an electric vegetable peeler.

There is a chapel and a charmingly-furnished eight-bed hospital and a dental surgery.

During the day the prisoners work and study. Qualified instructresses teach them domestic economy, dress-making and tailoring. All prisoners work a seven-hour day in the kitchen, the laundry, as house maids and cleaners, in

the sewing room or as gardeners in the three-acre grounds.

Although the prisoners are indoors by 5 p.m. each day, Fairlea is still a busy community most evenings.

There are weekly gymnastics and special craft classes, films are shown twice a month, a radio play is the attraction on a Sunday evening and sometimes on Sunday the prisoners produce a play-reading of their own.

There is a large and well-chosen library and at week-ends, when the women are "free," there are basketball, badminton and other games.

The accent at Fairlea is on co-operation between prisoners and staff in a friendly atmosphere.

Fairlea sets out to lift its inmates to a new standard of living and to make the prison term an opportunity for rehabilitation.

The Inspector-general of prisons, Mr A. R. Whitmore, is pleased with the way the women have responded to their new surroundings.

#### What More?

"They are terribly house-proud," he said. "And they are doing wonders in their work on the gardening and grounds. They are really interested."

Mr Whitmore does not expect that all the prisoners who leave Fairlea will become model citizens.

"Some of the older women who come in on drunk and disorderly charges come back to prison time after time and no doubt they will continue to do so at Fairlea. And, I expect, so will many of the vagrants," Mr Whitmore said.

"But if we can give the younger ones a chance to know something better than they have known before, if we can give them a vision of a decent future, then we feel that we are getting somewhere and the prison is doing its job."—China Mail Special.

## SHIGEMITSU'S BID FOR KURILE ISLANDS: NEW REQUEST TO SHEPILOV

Moscow, Aug. 5.

The Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, today conferred with his closest advisers to put the finishing touches to the explanation of Japanese territorial claims which he will present to Mr Dmitri Shepilov, the Soviet Foreign Minister tomorrow.

Mr Shigemitsu will go ahead with a lengthy survey of his claims based on historical reasons and international treaties, despite Pravda's assertion yesterday that further discussion of the territorial issue would be "fruitless" and that the Soviet Union was not ready to make any concessions.

Mr Shigemitsu took time off from his preparations to drive out to the new sports stadium in Moscow's Lushniki suburb to spend three and a half hours watching the opening of the Soviet Union's pre-Olympic Spartakiad Sports Festival.

#### Russia's Tactics

The Soviet Government newspaper said a "position of strength" policy towards Japan was being adopted by that country which after signing the San Francisco Treaty did not withdraw its occupation forces from Japanese territory and did not close down its military bases in Japan.

Most Western observers believe after yesterday's articles in Pravda and Izvestia that Japan is left with little alternative but to accept an exchange of ambassadors without a renunciation of the territorial issue unless there is a dramatic change in the Soviet position.

Some observers believe Russia may maintain an uncompromising stand for some time and then agree to give Japan the Kurashiri and Iliurup islands as a "gift" for the sake of good relations.

At present, however, the Russians give every appearance of being adamant in their refusal to release the territories.—Reuter.

#### Tough Position

Singapore, Aug. 6. The Straits Times, said in an editorial today that the Japanese faced some tough bargaining and, like Western Germany in the end, might have to do without a Russian peace treaty.

A possible compromise was an exchange of ambassadors and some semblance of ordinary diplomatic relations in exchange for Russian support for Japanese admission to the United Nations, the editorial said.

"As the Soviet magazine, New Times, pointedly reminds the Japanese, they cannot restore their international position until the Russians let them," the Straits Times stated.—Reuter.

### Indonesia Bans Imports

Djakarta, Aug. 5. Indonesia announced today that no further import licences would be issued or applications for foreign exchange granted as a "temporary measure" to check the fall in the nation's foreign currency reserves.

At the same time, in a move to stimulate export trade, the Government announced that premiums, ranging from three to 20 per cent, would be paid in foreign currency on the export value of 20 different products, including rubber, sugar, coffee, tea and copra.—Reuter.

## Students Plan Course On Leadership

Singapore, Aug. 5. Roman Catholic students from ten South and Southeast Asian countries will gather in Singapore on Friday for a six-day leadership training course conducted by the Roman Catholic student society of the University of Malaya.

Mr Andrew Choo, secretary of the society, said the primary aim of the course was to give Roman Catholic undergraduates a chance to discuss some common problems.

"We feel that in Southeast Asia, which is largely non-Christian, the role of the Roman Catholic university student, though difficult, is very important," he said.

Politics would not be discussed, Mr Choo added.

Students attending the course would come from India, Ceylon, Australia, the Philippines, Siam, Burma, Korea, Formosa, Indonesia and Malaya, Mr Choo said.—Reuter.

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PRECIOUS MOMENTS



# British Families Leaving Suez

## BIRMINGHAM STRIKER THROWS HIMSELF IN FRONT OF TRUCK

### INDIAN POLICY TO AVERT USE FOR FORCE

New Delhi, Aug. 5.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Nehru told leaders of his Congress Party today that India's policy on the Suez Canal crisis should be guided by the need to avert force in settling the dispute, according to party sources.

Mr. Nehru was addressing the Congress working committee—the executive of the ruling party which guides the Government's policy making.

The sources said Mr. Nehru told the meeting the proposed 24-nation London conference on Suez should be judged from the possibility of its becoming an effective instrument to prevent a head-on collision between the disputing parties.

### Italy Launches New Ship For East

Rome, Aug. 5.

Italy launched a new liner for the Venice-Egypt route at Monfalcone today, and made arrangements for a shipping line to the Far East through the disputed Suez Canal.

Both moves had been planned long before the present Suez crisis erupted. They underlined Italy's vital interest in a quick settlement of the dispute.

The wife of President Giovanni Gronchi, Donna Carla, launched the 10,900-ton turbine ship Ausonia at the United Adriatic shipyards here. The ship, which can carry 437 passengers in air-conditioned cabins and 2,900 tons of goods, was built for the Società Adriatica di Navigazione of Venice in a bid to recapture its prewar predominance on the Mediterranean route to Egypt.

#### Party Backing

Almost at the same time Mr. Nehru was speaking the Praja Socialist Party, one of the three main opposition parties, meeting in another part of the city, passed a resolution backing Egypt's nationalization of the canal.

According to the Congress Party sources, Mr. Nehru said India was trying to find out whether any of the powers sponsoring the conference had already decided on a definite course and whether the conference was merely being called to secure international approval for any future action they might take.

The Prime Minister is reported to have said that if this was the case, the conference would be of doubtful value.

India would decide whether to participate in the conference when the attitude of the convening powers had been clarified.

Mr. Nehru did not say anything categorical about the merits of Egypt's action in nationalizing the canal but the sources said there was an "unmistakable tone of sympathy in his speech."

#### Symbol Of Union

The Praja Socialist resolution described the canal as a "symbol of union between two continents (Asia and Africa) and the outstanding highway of economic commerce."

"This symbol of union must not be allowed to become an area of explosion," the Egyptian Government should do everything possible to allay and eliminate apprehensions of any obstacle to the free use of the great waterway by all nations of the world," the resolution added.—Reuters.

## Canal Zone

### CONTRACTORS TAKE PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AT BASES

By RONALD BATCHELOR

Ismailia, Aug. 5.

More than 100 British wives and children of employees of the civilian contractors now operating the former British Army bases in the Suez Canal are to leave Egypt within the next 10 days.

Several hundred other Britons are preparing to move out of this tense area if the present Suez Canal crisis deepens.

The British Government had advised them to be prepared to leave in the event of the present Suez crisis worsening.

For the 1,500 Britons, including 800 women and children now living in the three main contractors' areas at Ismailia, Fayid and Tel El Kehir this was the crisis Sunday—the day when families gathered to decide whether to return to Britain, or stay and hope for the best.

Here, in this pleasant French-colonial style provincial town midway between Port Said and Suez, a number of families today began packing their bags while children sat miserably indoors instead of playing on the beaches.

#### Children Miserable

The children appeared to take the hardest view of all—the majority bemoaning the fact that they were to leave behind sunshine, bathing and sports for the rainy life of the United Kingdom.

In a cool, pleasantly-furnished sixth floor flat overlooking smart gardens at the edge of town, Mr. John Foden, managing director of a company which looks after all personnel working in the British army's former installations, told me today that 43 wives and 63 children had so far been listed for evacuation at the request of British employers.

This was less than 10 per cent of the total number here. Mr. Foden emphasized that there was no panic and that the evacuation was taking place slowly, calmly and as a precaution.

Those wishing to go were getting passages arranged, mostly by air, though a few were booked for sea passages.

He said Egyptians were being "very co-operative and facilitating the issue to exit visas."

#### Co-operation

Generally speaking, those who were now going were women who had very young children or who were pregnant.

Mr. Foden emphasized that none of the men employed by the seven contracting companies who operate the canal zone bases were leaving and that the Egyptian army and authorities were co-operating fully in the spirit of the Anglo-Egyptian agreement to see that all bases were properly guarded.

Many other families today were preparing to leave here within the next few days for Cairo, where passages were being booked for London.

But no one was able to say how many more passages could be secured if the majority of families in the zone decided to move out quickly.

With most births on vessels homeward bound fully booked at this time of the year, it seemed as if the majority would be unlucky unless assistance was received from outside.

#### Many As Ever

Despite the evacuation plans the situation throughout the canal zone remained calm, and shipping was passing through as unhurriedly and as normally as ever.

One British pilot tonight told me "None of us knows whether the Egyptians are getting any money in dues for these vessels, but we do know that at the moment, as many ships as ever, are using the canal, and we are getting them through."—China Mail Special.

## Panama Is Annoyed

Panama City, Aug. 5.

The Government of this Central American republic is smarting at not having been invited to the projected London conference on the Suez Canal, well informed observers here were convinced today.

Panama's refusal to be bound by decisions on recommendations reached in London was believed directly traceable to this feeling that the nation had received discourteous treatment. As possessor of one of the world's largest maritime registries plus a vastly important canal it expected different treatment.

This is not felt to indicate Panama has any interest in operating the Panama Canal. There is no evidence that anyone of influence or authority has or ever had such a desire.

#### Higher Rent

In the past Panama's means of capitalizing on the canal across the isthmus has been the request of higher rent from the United States for the 10-mile-wide zone. Efforts have also been exerted to have Panamanian businessmen gain closer access to the spending money in the pockets of civilians and servicemen in the zone.

Both these processes were expected to continue as ever. Unlike the Suez situation, too, the Panama Canal zone is rented in perpetuity to the United States. The Suez concession was due to expire in 1958 prior to the nationalization by Egypt.

In one sense, the Panama Canal is nationalized right now. It is wholly-owned and operated by the United States Government. While it operates as the "Panama Canal Company," all shares in this company have always been held by the U.S. Army.

On the practical side, even if a Panamanian fire-alarmer across the canal there would be a decided lack of means to carry this out. Panama's only armed force consists of a comparatively small national guard for police duties. Approximately 10,000 U.S. troops are stationed in the zone and can be reinforced from the US in four hours' flight time.

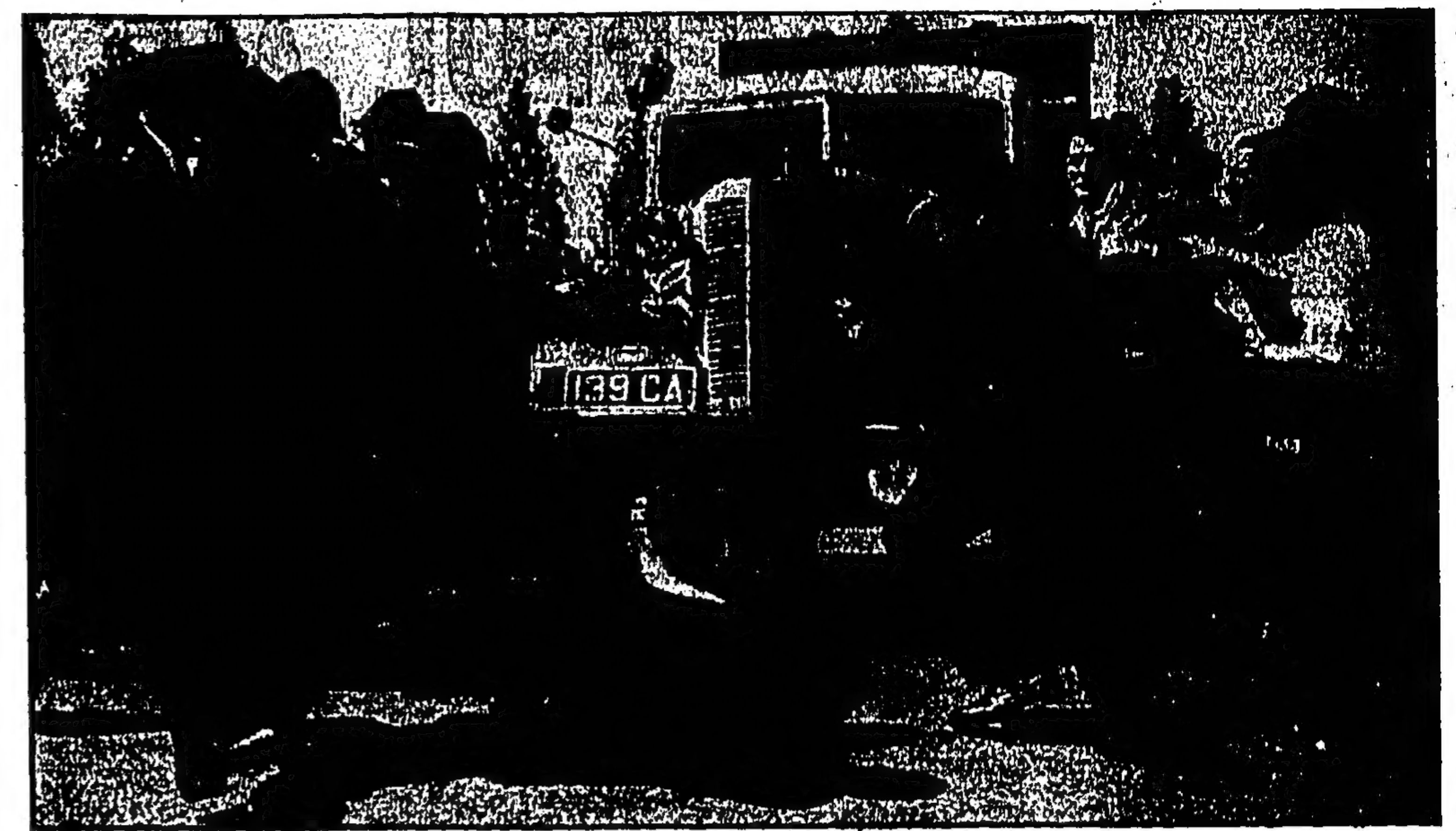
However, it was being noted here today that in talks on Suez the US is being painfully careful to establish no precedent that might be applied inconveniently to the canal here in the future.

Indications that some countries other than Panama itself might be interested in establishing just such precedents were looked on by observers as moves to embarrass the United States. There was no indication, these observers said, that such moves would be promoted in Panamanian motivation or result.

As for Panama, the now makes more money than ever on the canal. Last year annual rental was raised from \$430,000 to \$1,980,000. The Panama Canal is not nearly so lucrative as Suez because of much higher operating costs.

With an annual income from tolls of \$88 million, the Panama Canal does little more than break even. Suez takes in \$93 million and pays no local operating or maintenance costs.

Considering the complexity of the operation here, the low margin of profit and the inevitable obsolescence of the existing plant, Panama has a far surer source of income in rent than she would in ownership of the canal.—United Press.



A striker throws himself to the ground in front of a lorry at the Austin car works, Longbridge, Birmingham, in an attempt to stop the vehicle entering the factory. The man was dragged from underneath the lorry by police, who had to struggle with two dozen strikers before the lorry could go in.—Reuterphoto.

## Japanese Indemnity To Indonesia

Tokyo, Aug. 5.

Japan will initially offer \$250,000,000 to be paid over 20 years as World War Two indemnity settlement to the Indonesian Government, the newspaper Asahi reported today.

It said Japanese Minister Elji Wajima will fly back to his post in Djakarta on August 16 to resume preliminary negotiations with the Indonesian Government. Wajima returned to Tokyo in early June to confer with the government on the reparations issue.

The Asahi said Wajima would carry with him Japanese proposals for a settlement in between the \$200,000,000 Japan has agreed to pay Burma and the \$500,000,000 promised in war reparations to the Philippines.

The newspaper said Wajima would open his "feeler" talks with Djakarta officials with an initial Japanese offer to pay \$250,000,000 in reparations over a period of 20 years. It predicted, however, that difficult negotiations lay ahead before a final settlement is reached.—United Press.

## HEUSS INJURED



Darmstadt, Aug. 5. West German President Theodor Heuss was involved in a slight traffic accident near here today when his official limousine struck the rear of a police escort car.

Heuss was uninjured, and his car suffered only minor damage. The accident occurred when the police car braked sharply as it approached a stretch of road under repair.

Heuss was on route from Bonn to Stuttgart to attend a song festival.—United Press.

## RED RETURNS

Paris, Aug. 5. Polish ex-Vice Minister of Justice, Zdzislaw Kliszko, whose rehabilitation was announced yesterday, has been appointed Under-Secretary of Justice, the official Polish news agency reported today.

Kliszko had been excluded from the Polish Communist Party in November, 1948. He was rehabilitated together with the Party's ex-Secretary-General, Wladyslaw Gombulski.—France Press.

## Nixon Urges Moderate Approach To Race Relations Issue

Ridgecrest, NC, Aug. 5.

Vice-President Richard M. Nixon appealed to America's religious leaders today to help set a moderate approach to the "thorny issue of race relations."

Nixon spoke before the Baptist home mission conference, the Presbyterian Men's Council of the Synod of Appalachia at nearby Montreat, North Carolina, and the Methodist summer assembly at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina. He made the appeal to all three groups.

He urged them to help in an "area where political policy and moral ideals converge." He warned that "bitterness and tension are mounting by the hour" in the matter of race relations.

#### Less Bitterness

Nixon told the churchmen they can bring religious and moral ideals "before the conscience of all Americans." If ideals are fully accepted, he said, "there would be much less bitterness."

In labour disputes, Nixon said, "there are signs that the bitterness of the past has not completely gone. In spite of all of our improvements, there is still occasional violence that indicates deep and festering resentments."

The US would "benefit enormously if understanding could replace resentment, and if partnership and co-operation rather than armed force were the order of the day," Nixon said.

In the field of foreign policy, Nixon said that "certainly the Chinese Communist invasion of Burma should be a solemn warning to those who believe that neutrality is a guarantee against Communist aggression."

He said "there is a vital difference between political neutrality and moral neutrality in the present conflict of ideals."—United Press.

## After Hours Bank Opens In Sydney

Sydney, Aug. 5.

Australia's first "after-hours" bank with automation included has opened in Sydney, at the busy train, tram and bus terminal at Wynyard.

Hours of trading at the new bank are 8.15 a.m. until 8 p.m. in contrast to the normal 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. hours.

On its first day more than 400 new accounts were opened, and 200 transferred from other branches. More than 100 customers waited outside for the doors to open.

The new bank is an automatic as can be seen from a machine to make entries in pass books, post letters to postmen, post saving bank orders, and also serve as an adding machine. Cashiers stand behind the machine.

## Wrong Currency

Wellington, Aug. 5.

Postal officials in the South Island city of Timaru are concerned at the number of washers and metal discs now turning up inside stamp vending machines.

A similar epidemic in Timaru before last Christmas yielded about 400 washers from one machine, China Mail Special.

## POSTMEN HOUSED

Washington, Aug. 5.

Postmen in the United States received more than 9,000 letters from dogs last year—or more than one bite for every 20 letter carriers, the American Post Office Department announced.

A group composed of postal employees and animal welfare interests meeting here decided that postmen could best be protected by just not delivering to houses where unfriendly dogs lived.

This suggestion by the group followed recent appeal by the Postmaster-General for a serious effort to stop dogs biting postmen. The Postmaster-General has agreed to consider recommendations made by the group, including one stating that postal employees should be educated about ferocious dogs with the instruction "never kick, tease or otherwise abuse any dog except as a last resort or self-defence."—China Mail Special.

## Viper Scare

Munich, Aug. 5.

Two carriages in a train here were hurriedly evacuated as a pet viper, owned by two German veterans of the French Foreign Legion, disappeared.

The men were showing the snake—a souvenir of Moroccan service—to another passenger when it slithered into the seating of the carriage.

A snake expert called in by police later grabbed the viper as it emerged from the upholstery—and declared it harmless as it had no fangs.—China Mail Special.

## Love Comes In A Flying Tackle

Darlington, Aug. 5.

An English girl who was bowled over by a football player, married him yesterday.

The girl, Pauline Ellington, a school teacher, was knocked down and lay wounded with a painful leg when rugby footballer Bob Wootton, Darlington, made a tackle and crashed her leg.

## ICE PILE HOLDS UP FOOD SHIPS

San Francisco, Aug. 5.

A pile-up of polar ice 37 miles wide at Point Barrow, Alaska, blocked the delivery of food and construction supplies today to camps along the distant early warning line in the far north.

Vice-Adm. J. M. Will, Chief of the Military sea transport service, said there was "no immediate concern" over the delay as a 43-ship fleet waited for a clearance through the ice.

Admiral Will, who stopped at the Alameda naval air station on his way to Washington for an inspection tour in the far north, said the ice that had supplies down-line camps was "operating according to plans of M.S.T.S. and co-ordinating services."

The M.S.T.S. ships must pass through the ice, deliver their supplies in Canada's far north and return to Point Barrow before the Arctic winter closes down on the channel. The ice usually clears away for a few weeks early in August.

Admiral Will was accompanied on an inspection tour of the coast and few-line construction by Rear Admiral H. S. Parsons, Commander of M.S.T.S. Pacific area, and Maj.-Gen. S. R. Browning, Deputy Chief of Transportation for the Army.—United Press.

## LOYALTY OF GOAN INDIANS

Johannesburg, Aug. 5.

Portugal's President, Carlos Lopes, who is on an official visit to Mozambique, received there today a delegation of Indian dignitaries, who assured him of the loyalty and devotion of Indians residing in Portuguese East Africa.

Lopes also received a delegation of three Portuguese-Indian Goans, who conveyed to him a message of loyalty from Goan associations in British East Africa.

The three delegates represented some 25,000 Goan inhabitants scattered throughout Kenya, Tanganyika and Uganda.—France-Press.

## Gold Under His Hat

Bombay, Aug. 5.

A customs official arrested two friends of the docks here when he saw them change hats in the midst of an apparently joyous reunion.

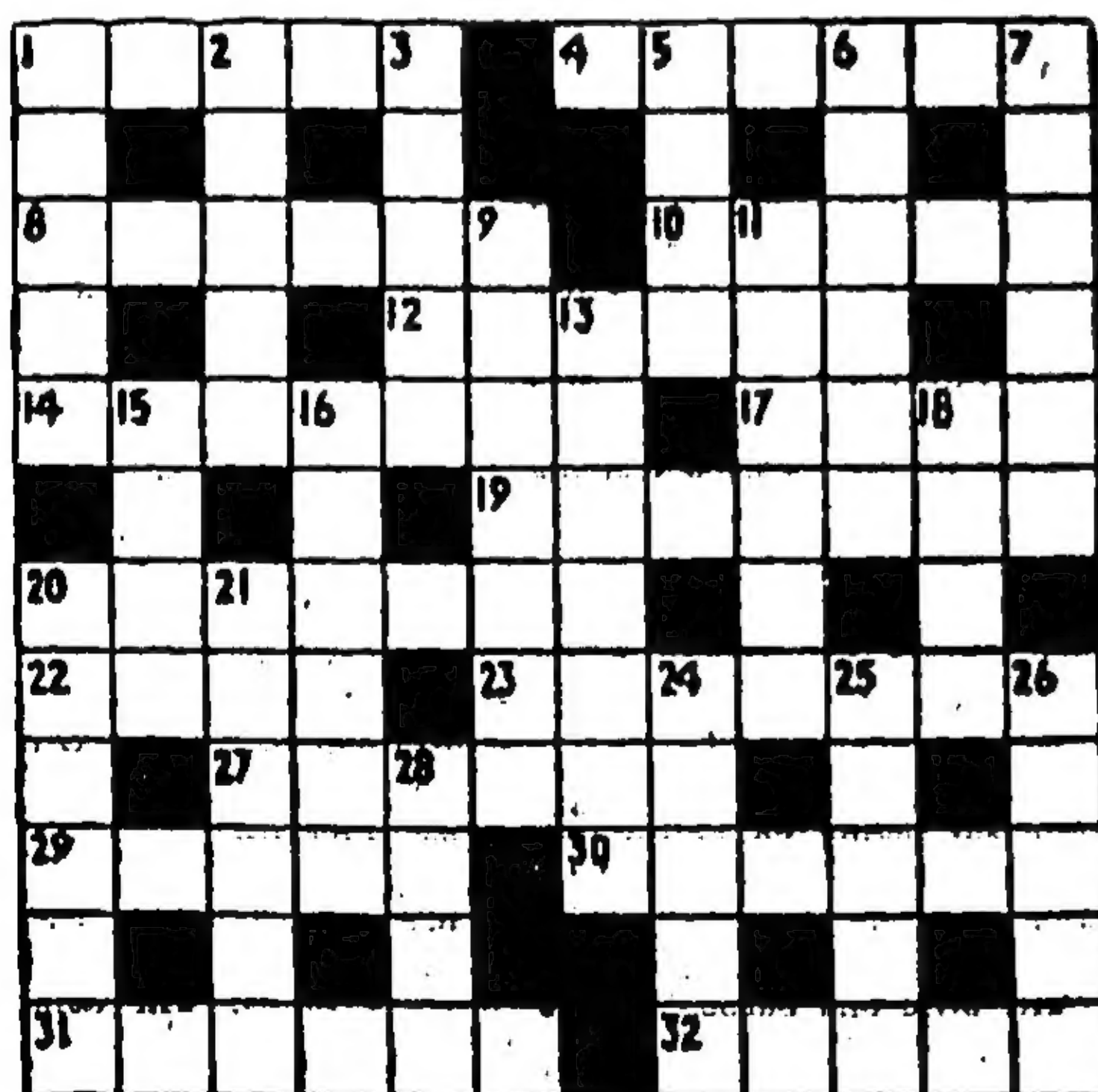
Inside one of the hats he found concealed gold worth 3,000 rupees (£225 sterling).—China Mail Special.

Two weeks later the two met in a bus, she in a plaster cast. He asked if they hadn't met before.

"Yes, you broke my leg last week," she replied.

Yesterday they were married in Nottingham.—United Press.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Sometimes found at river mouth (5).
  - Firm (6).
  - Evicted (5).
  - Islands (5).
  - Usual (5).
  - Unhallowed (7).
  - Drill (4).
  - Warded off (7).
  - Get rid of (7).
  - Acquaint (4).
  - Dodging (7).
  - Stopped (6).
  - Frog-like creatures (5).
  - Conspire (6).
  - Leathe (6).
  - Happening (6).
- DOWN**
- Sag (5).
  - Lariat (5).
  - Amphitheatre (5).
  - Neat (4).
  - Voie (6).
  - Followed (6).
  - Glyves (7).
  - Swarms (6).
  - Venerable (7).
  - Gorment (4).
  - Proved deficient (6).
  - Curb (4).
  - Spoke eloquently (6).
  - Emphy (6).
  - Workshop (5).
  - Foolish (6).
  - Welcome (6).
  - Requests (4).

**SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 3 Barriers, 5 Head, 8 Repeated, 11 Proposed, 13 Alps, 15 Alderman, 16 Selected, 19 Prop, 21 Hopeloss, 23 Retainer, 25 Bligh, 27 Disasters, Down: 1 Prop, 2 Halo, 4 Apex, 6 Lined, 8 Scotch, 7 Slides, 9 Boars, 10 Petal, 12 Ruler, 14 Press, 16 Melons, 17 Never, 19 Parrot, 20 Oath, 21 Hide, 22 Post, 23 Bait, 24 Bend.





FRANK COUSINS

# HE'S ONE OF THE SIX MOST POWERFUL MEN IN BRITAIN

walk on his hands across Parliament Square.

His power stems not only from the fact that he is General Secretary of the nation's biggest trade union—the 1,300,000 strong Transport and General Workers' Union—but also from the peculiar nature of that Union. The Union spreads across the nation, enters, somewhere, into almost every industry.

The General Secretary is the one dominant, cohesive factor in the whole organization. But for the individual loyalty of members to the General Secretary, the hundreds of groups which comprise it would have little in common.

## Loyalty

Frank Cousins swept into office by a resounding majority following the recent death of Jock Tiffin, and there is little doubt that he holds the commanding loyalty of nearly all those who voted for him.

Where he leads, the membership will almost certainly follow.

## Dominant

He can, if he wants to, bring automation to a halt before it ever really gets going. If he launched a concerted campaign, he could almost certainly send the cost of living rocketing into the stratosphere, shatter Britain's export drive, or destroy any one of a hundred great business organisations.

To please him, Hugh Gaitskell would probably

When he was 14, he left an elementary school in Doncaster, Yorkshire, to become a pit-boy in a coalmine. Six years later, he took a job as a long-distance lorry driver.

Burly, six ft. 1½ in. tall, he was built to manhandle great lorries over tough roads on hauls that would have killed many men. He became a member of the long-distance road haulers section of the Transport and General Workers' Union a few years after the T. & G.W.U. was founded by Ernie Bevin, later to be a Foreign Secretary.

Over the years Cousins worked his way through minor union posts until he became boss of the section. Then, on the death of Arthur Deakin, he became a Assistant General Secretary.

He was unobtrusive, he worked quietly, and was able to command respect of common sense and some clear, cool thinking in the tangled affairs of the Union and its political allies.

His home, as he has lived for years, is a suburban villa in Putnam Surrey. He earns a net of £1200 a year. His private life centres around his wife, his four children, and his chrysanthemums and gladioli.

On social occasions, he is relaxed and at ease; but he much prefers his garden.

## Emotion

All this may make him sound dull, dead and a convert of the English middle class.

But he can, on occasion, reveal his emotion.

Last year, at the Labour Party conference in Margate, when the bitter debate on the conduct of America's war in the Pacific closed doors, he sat quietly while speaker after speaker poured out abuse and counter-abuse.

At 51, he is mild-mannered, almost scholarly in appearance and in speech. He deliberates before he speaks; prefers understatement to bombast.

had he demanded it, have had Bevan's head on a platter.

Instead, he appealed to the delegates to face up to reality. He reminded them that the party faced utter and complete ruin if they allowed the feud between Gaitskell's Right and Bevan's Left to go on. He reminded them that it was no use achieving some petty triumph of one party faction over another at the expense of a balanced policy which the voters might be persuaded to accept.

Delegates raised their eyebrows. For the Union, under Arthur Deakin, had been the extreme Right, and Deakin had been as much as Bevan to perpetuate the feud.

## Balance

Tiffin was obviously seriously ill. Cousins was his almost certain successor. What, the delegates wondered, would happen if Cousins took over and steered the Union away from its position at the extreme Right?

What, indeed, if he stayed in the middle and refused to side with either the Right wing or with Bevan?

He is a million and a quarter votes would surely, then, hold the balance of power.

No doubt it does. And what has happened since he took over the Union has been more than interesting.

The feud has virtually died away. The solid blocks have melted and, now over the traditional contest for the party leadership—the perennial test of strength between Right and Left—has become an open issue.

Other factors have certainly had their effect; among them Mr Gaitskell's own determination to hold the party together. But one important factor has been Cousins' avowed insistence that he will not help extremists on either side to dominate the party.

Again, when the ugly and tangled motor industry dispute

To please this Union boss, Gaitskell would probably walk on his hands across Parliament Square

By LES ARMOUR

Cousins could have immediately called a long and costly strike which could have further damaged the industry. He counselled against hasty action, insisted that the men's demands must be reasonable and that no one could expect to halt the onflow of automation or demand that every man should keep the same job for life.

As the dispute wore on and the motor companies showed no willingness to pay the sacked men compensation or to spread the layoff over a more reasonable period, he has gradually grown angrier.

Cousins was eventually goaded into strike action by the men and by the industry's bosses, but he has shown a good deal of restraint.

## Threat

On the other hand, he has shown clearly that neither he nor his Union can be pushed around.

When the Government urged wage restraint on him, he said he was "not impressed." He asked the Government for an overall plan which would restrain profits and dividends as well as wages and for evidence that the result would be a stable price structure in which his members would not find their living standards declining if they refrained from demanding more wages.

At London's Smithfield Meat Market, members of the Union threatened to strike after a butcher got a court ruling that he was allowed to carry his own meat out of the market. The men insisted that they must do it, regardless of what the court said.

Again, Cousins did not overrule the officials in charge of the meat porters' section of the Union despite a public outcry.

## Reasons

He has his reasons. He believes that a Union as vast as the T. & G.W.U. has to be decentralised. Not long ago the Union nearly lost a large proportion of its members on the docks because the dockers were fed up with centralised bureaucracy.

He has decentralised.

But part of the price of decentralisation is often conflict in policies in various parts of the organisation—and consequent confusion.

He may eventually pay heavily for his moderation and his refusal to take firm action against abuses by segments of his organisation. So may the nation.

But Cousins is confident. And so far even a Conservative Government has had little to complain about.

They've Met!

And I Was There

By EVE PERRICK



MARILYN



DAME EDITH

THAT Meeting (no connection with That Party, or That Wedding and only slightly with That Baby) actually did take place—with one lasting result.

The Sesame and Pioneer Club, the slightly stuffy, slightly shabby, but definitely genteel ladies' residential club, which is the London address of Dame Edith Sitwell, will never be the same again.

You may recall that on three separate occasions, at three separate press conferences, Miss Marilyn Monroe announced that the one person in England she most wanted to see was Dame Edith Sitwell.

Dame Edith, for her part, was most happy to renew acquaintance with "that hard-working, intelligent girl" with whom she had discussed the works of the German philosopher Rudolf Steiner in Hollywood a couple of years ago.

And, I, for my part, have been acting like one of those unofficial good-will ambassadors endeavouring to bring two great powers together.

Well, I brought off the coup and was present to record it for posterity.

## THEY'VE MET!

MISS Monroe arrived 45 minutes late (owing to the traffic tangle on the Ascot road) in one of her simple black dresses and a breathlessly apologetic manner.

She dashed through the foyer where rather more than the usual number of the club ladies seemed to have found something of interest on the notice board, into the lecture room where Dame Edith, majestic in Plantagenet, head-dress and pink jacket, awaited her guests.

"So lovely to see you again," Miss Monroe and Dame Edith greeted each other. Mr Arthur Miller was naturally present and forthwith introduced.

"I've wanted to meet you for a long time," he said, "and to thank you for being so kind to my wife when you were in Hollywood." He glanced round the room and looked a bit bewildered.

Behind newspapers, or nose-deep in books a scattered group of gentlemen was so ostentatiously taking no notice you could almost hear their eyes go pop. "Excuse me," he said, "but I'm a stranger round here. Is this some sort of hotel?" The style and purpose of the Sesame and Pioneer was explained to him, Dame Edith adding: "But men are allowed in if they're husbands or brothers."

## THEY'VE MET!

IN a lower, almost whispering voice she presented her nephew, Rereby, son of her brother Sachverell. "I hope you don't mind," she said to Miss Monroe, "but if he ever found out that I'd entertained you without letting him in on the party, he'd never forgive me." Mr Rereby bowed. Miss Monroe beamed. We all sat down and drank the Sitwell-Sesame special, gin and grapefruit juice. "The meeting," said Dame Edith, "are not really up to the American standard." We pronounced the gin and grapefruit just fine, and the talk got under way.

Not a lofty-browed, high-toned discussion, perhaps, but an amusing, anecdotal chat with the chief speaking parts going to playwright Miller and poet-philosopher triple-Dame Edith. The presence of Miss Monroe was, nevertheless, deeply felt.

The Millers had passed Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace on their way. They mentioned the royal residences. Dame Edith was reminded of her first Court ball. "It was simply terrible."

"There I was, a plain, awkward girl, wearing a ghastly dress trimmed with water-lilies—my mother was for ever making me wear dresses with water-lilies on them—and some unfortunate young man was made to dance with me. I fell over doing the Lancet, right under those piercing eyes of Edward VII."

## THEY'VE MET!

GESTURING with her elegant, aquamarine-adorned hands she demonstrated how the Lancet was danced. Mr Miller laughed out loud. Two newspapers at opposite ends of the room shook slightly.

Miss Monroe said she was frightened about falling over the bicycles.

"Bicycles?" we queried.

"Yes," said Miss Monroe. "I just happened to mention that I'd like to do some cycling while I was here and I guess every manufacturer of bicycles in the country has sent me one. You can hardly move in the hall for bicycles."

We sympathised and someone asked Mr Miller how his play was coming along. "With difficulty," he said. "I've been on it since 1951 but my life keeps on changing and I have to rewrite it."

He squeezed his wife's hand to reassure her that the last change, at least, had been for the better. He added that his previous play, rather, the two short plays under the title "The View from the Bridge"—were going to be produced in London in October.

## THEY'VE MET!

DAME EDITH said, alas, she would be in Italy then, and issued a spur-of-the-moment invitation.

"Now why don't you both come and stay with Osbert and myself at Montegrotto? We have a lovely house there. It's near Florence."

"Florence?" exclaimed Mr Miller. "I've just been invited for a visit. Someone, it may be the mayor but I forgot, wants us to ride through the streets on a fire engine."

Dame Edith, perhaps with the picture in her mind of the Millers approaching Sir Osbert's stately castle in such a flamboyant vehicle, made an alternative suggestion.

"Perhaps you'd like to come to the reading of 'Fascade' (her poem) set to Sir William Walton's music) I'm doing in September."

Miss Monroe and Mr Miller said they both loved it if they got the time and that they'd enjoyed their visit immensely but they'd have to leave now.

Dame Edith spoke softly into Miss Monroe's ear. "Before you go, would you mind let me introduce the manager and the waitress and the barman? I promised them I would."

Miss Monroe said she wouldn't mind at all.

Dame Edith said: "You know it's quite remarkable I had T. S. Eliot and Henry Moore over for lunch the other week. No one was the slightest bit interested in meeting them." Miss Monroe turned a pretty pink with modest delight. After she'd gone, Dame Edith turned to her nephew, but I fancy her comment was primarily intended for whoever else it might concern in the room. "You see what a nice, quiet girl she is!"

# DANISH WOMEN HOLD THE PURSE STRING

By EILEEN ANDERSON

AT a sumptuous banquet in Copenhagen the Director of the Danish Agricultural Council, Mr Niels Kjaergaard (pronounced—more or less—Caregaw) issued a command. "Tell me," he said, "what has most impressed you in Denmark."

I told him: Efficiency.

Not just the scientific efficiency in hospital-clean dairies and canning factories, egg-packing stations, schools and snow, white-washed farms. Even more than that, the warm-hearted efficiency of Danish women. Thanks to them, the wheels of life in Denmark are smooth.

Danish women have to be efficient. They have complete charge of about 90 percent of the money that comes into their homes. That 90 percent has to be well spent, for wages are no higher and goods no cheaper than in Britain.

pig farmers ten years ago. Before the war we women in Britain and Denmark clamoured for all the fat bacon we could get. Suddenly we came down heavily on the side of Jack Sprat. Producers shrug their shoulders at these feminine whims, hope our fat-hate will be permanent, and breed lean pigs accordingly.

The Danish housewife insists that butter must be packed in aluminium

Reporting her tour of Denmark Eileen Anderson here emphasises the efficiency she found everywhere, but particularly among the housewives.

foil lined with parchment, for that is the way to get the best out of the 20 pounds of milk that go to make every pound of Danish butter. Once they get the butter home they put it firmly out of the light as well as out of the warmth. Dark and cold is the way to keep butter fresh.

Value for money in the meat department of the hospital-clean self-service stores means trimmings as well as meat. Bay leaves and prunes are tucked inside the plastic wrappings which cover all joints and cuts. And all meat is completely prepared and scored before it goes inside its packing. Hygienic, no doubt, but perhaps a pity. I thought, remembering the friendly little gossip I've had with my butcher while he scored my piece of pork!

Would you travel to another country simply to buy cheap tinned fruit? Danish women do. If they plan a large-scale party—and every party in Denmark is on mammoth scale—they go by train and ferry to Sweden, where the tinned fruit is so cheap it makes the journey well worth while. Swedish women return the compliment by going to Denmark for butter, cheese, ham and bacon.

Some years ago housewives complained bitterly that they were not getting value for money in their clothes and household equipment. The complaints reached Mrs Lis Groes, then a Member of the Danish Parliament, now Minister of Commerce. She immediately started the Danish Housewives' Consumer Council.

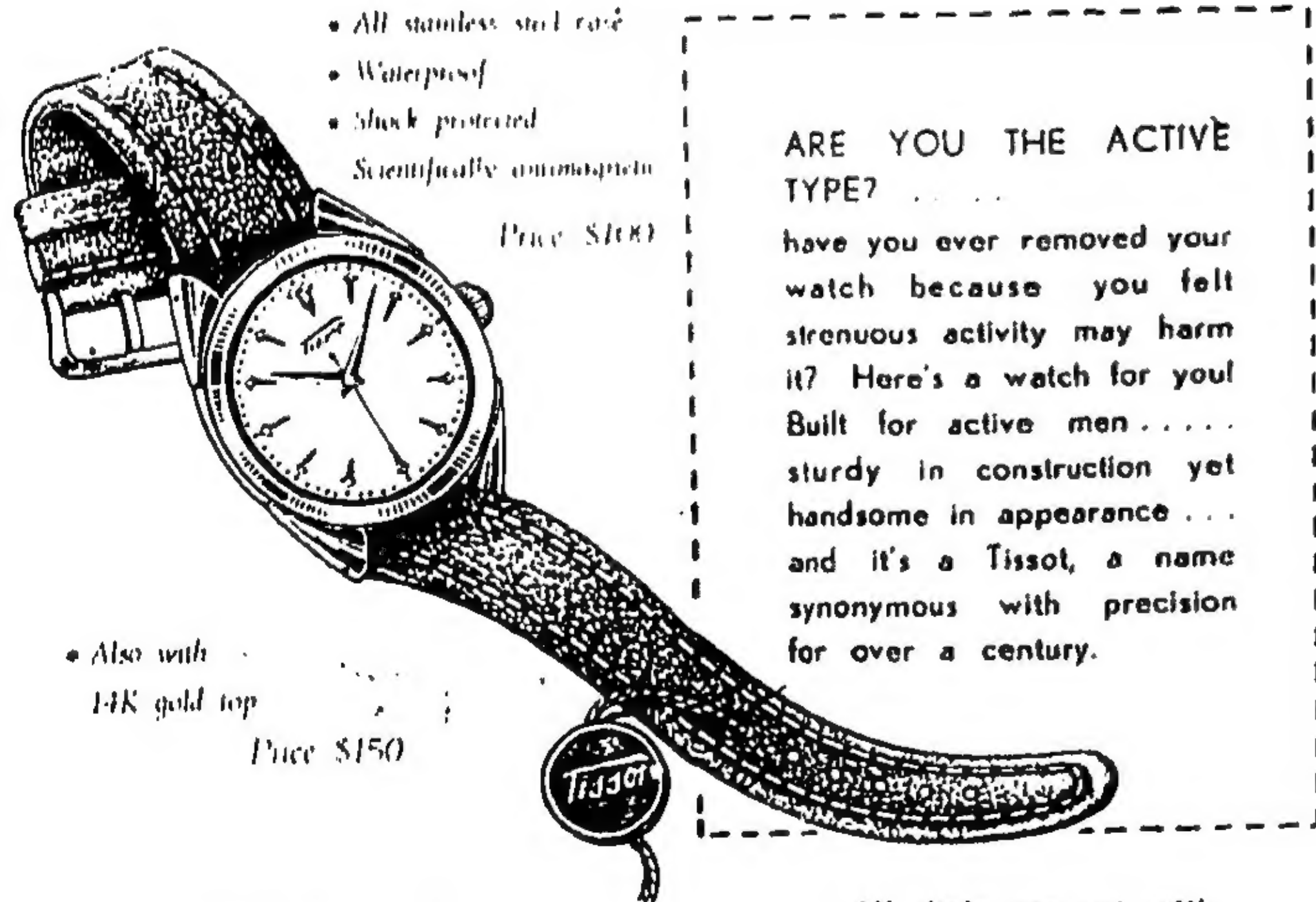
This voluntary organisation had a cunning plan—to educate the manufacturers through the consumers. They laid so many complaints, brought so many faulty clothes and goods into the public eye, that they have greatly raised the standard of all domestic equipment as well as clothing.

Manufacturers now vie with each other for the Consumer Council label of quality. The Government has followed the lead with a State-run Home Economics Council which looks after standards and gives advice on individual problems ranging from taking stains out of a tablecloth to cooking a perfect pancake.

Feminine efficiency has its reward in public recognition. Eighteen out of the 119 members of Parliament are women. The Ministers of Commerce and of Religion are women. And unmarried women are welcomed as tenants of the 25,000 State smallholdings.

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# RACE FOR LAWN BOWLS FIRST & THIRD DIVISION LEAGUE TITLES STILL ON

By "TOUCHER"

Although the First and Third Division Lawn Bowls league fixtures were scheduled to officially end last Saturday, the race for the title in both divisions is still on.

Extremely game fights by Kowloon Bowling Green Club and Indian Recreation "Blues" in Saturday's matches left the two top contenders for First Division honours, Craigengower Cricket Club and Kowloon Cricket Club, almost where they were before Saturday's games.

If there was any advantage gained it was only that slight margin in favour of Craigengower Cricket Club who ended their season by narrowly edging out Kowloon Bowling Green Club by three points to two.

At Soekumpoo, Kowloon Cricket Club, failed to capitalize on Craigengower's inability to collect full points from their opponents, by suffering a worse fate of being handed a 3-2 defeat by the Indian Recreation Club "Blues".

Against Kowloon Bowling Green Club, Craigengower could count themselves lucky to get away with the three points that they did, although they were within verge of taking another point on the last head of the match between Stanley Leonard's four and that skipped by Town Bradbury's four. They never played like a potential champion team.

Both Stanley Leonard's and Joe Landolt's fours were unable to get started in the first few heads against their respective opponents who were playing well up to form, and before they knew where they were Tom Kavanagh's and Joe Eastman's Bowling Club fours had each built up a commanding lead.

With the Championship at stake, the Craigengower four pulled back and at the ten interval Stanley Leonard's four were only 8-11 down.

**A FOUR AND FIVE**  
Joe Landolt's four, after conceding six shots on the first four heads, struck back with a four and a five on two successive heads in the seventh and eighth. They drew level at 10-10 only to concede a three and a five on the two heads before tea.

With Rene Rossetti and old-timer Bradbury playing a grand game, the third Craigengower four after trailing by 3-0 against Wally Wilkinson's four gradually took the lead on the sixth head and never relinquished it. At tea they were 16-10 up to narrow Craigengower's deficit in aggregate. Landolt's four failed to make any headway against the consistent bowlers put up by V. Bond, E. Liddell, John Tindall and Joe Eastman who led all the way after tea to win comfortably by 24-17.

Leonard's four made an excellent try after tea, despite being handicapped by short woods from his No. 3 and being up against damaging heavy shots by opposing No. 3 Peter Hughes. On the 19th head they checked up a five to creep up from 8-17 to 13-17.

A two on the 20th head saw them within range of victory, but on the last head they could only manage to score a single to fall one short of their opponents' score. Bradbury's four held on to their lead after tea and finished up with a 28-12 score to comfortably edge their side through to a 3-2 win.

## CLOSER AFFAIR

The match between the IRC "Blues" and KCC was a much closer affair. Just after tea, KCC seemed to be in a fine position for a 4-1 win. Although they lost a seven to A. H. Seem, A. R. A. Rahman, M. B. Hassan and O. R. Sadek, Hong Sling's KCC four, thanks to some fine bowling by the skip himself gradually wiped out their 3-8 deficit and on the 13th head were 15-8 in the lead. Gaffney's four led all the way until 11-0 on the 10th head when they gave away a four and a single but still held on to a 13-11 lead on the 13th head.

Playing against the IRC four of B. M. Omar, A. M. Omar, J.

Hassan and A. Ali, the KCC four of S. Y. Doe, A. M. Alyes, E. R. Rossetti and F. R. Kermani, toiled hard against superior odds and were only 8-13 down on the 13th head.

The landslide, however, came in the last eight heads. Ali's four, who collected a six on the 17th head and a four on the last head ended up with a 26-13 win over Kermani's four to give the opponents their 3-2 win. Sadek's four also played an important part in the side's win by scoring nine shots against the opponents' five on the last eight heads to hold Hong Sling's four to a narrow 20-17 win.

## LOOKED WORSE

For the KCC, things looked worse when A. R. Kitchell's four drew level with Gaffney's four at 16-16 on the 16th head and went on to lead by 17-16 on the next head. A three by the KCC four on the 20th head, however, gave their supporters a sigh of relief. A single by them on the last head gave them their second valuable point of the afternoon.

One aspect of the first division league, however, was decided on Saturday. Filipino Club are the wooden-spooners this season as a result of the 5-0 win scored by Indian Recreation Club "Gold" over Taikoo. They will therefore go down to the second division next year.

In the third division, Kowloon Bowling Green Club not only prevented the title from going to Hong Kong Police Sports Association on Saturday, but also kept themselves in the running by defeating the custodians of the law on their own green by 4-1.

The KBGC bowlers got a little hot on the tricky Boundary Street green on the first few heads, but once they started blocking the straight hand they had matters much their own way on two runs.

The KBGC bowlers have now completed their fixtures and are at the moment at the top of the league table with 49 points. Filipino Club, who took four points from KCC on Saturday, are now next on the list with 45 points and one match to go, and that is against the KBGC. They must take five points from this game to win the Championship.

The Bowling Club, too, have a reasonable chance of annexing the title. With two matches more to go—one against the Filipino Club and the other against CCC they need only seven points to overtake HKPSA.

## HOW THEY STAND

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The Spartakiad of the Soviet people — Russia's Olympic trials — opened here today without the world records for which the Russians were hoping.

Best performances in the opening programme of the eleven-day-long sports festival were two new Soviet records by Vladimir Kuts in the 10,000 metres and by Mr. 600 metres. Kuts clipped 14 seconds off his own 10,000 metres mark by winning the event today in 29 mins. 57.8 secs on a heavy track. He was running virtually without opposition and was unable to approach Sandro Dharov's best of 28 mins. 42.8 secs.

The four times 200 metres relay team of Bakstev, Sulcharev, Ignatyev and Bakstev clocked one min. 24.7 secs. compared with the previous Soviet best of one min. 25 secs. the world record for the event is one min. 24 secs.

Marina Nikolai, Bulgarian, Mr. Nikita, Khushchev and other Soviet leaders came to the vast new Lenin Stadium, which seats 100,000 people, to watch the athletics and the colourful mass physical culture and gymnastics displays.

CCC	13	8	5	39½
HKFC	14	6	8	35½
HKERC	14	5	9	27½
KCC	14	4	11	10½
PRC	14	3	11	14½



JIM LAKER

## SPORTS ROUNDABOUT

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By W. CAPEL KIRBY

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## RUMPUS IN CRICKET

# Nothing Should Be Considered A More Urgent Duty . . .

Says J. L. MANNING

Nothing should be considered a more urgent duty of the Chairman of the Board of Control of Test Matches at Home than that he should issue a statement saying England are not cheating the Australians this summer.

I do not think they are, but clearly there are circles where I should be in a minority.

Nor do I think the chairman will accept my advice. For cricket authorities are lordly mystics who rarely dispatch Black Rod to summon the common people like you and me for public explanation on delicate matters.

And delicate, indeed, is the situation which causes many people to wonder whether at Leeds and at Manchester the

pitch blurred out too early its loyal support for our match-wringing spinners. And so gave Australia a greater use for losing the Ashes in 1950 than in 1933—the body-line tour.

The difficulty is that no one seems to know who is the Chairman of the Board, it meets only twice a year, and all I can do is to recall that at the last meeting in March the Chairman was Earl Alexander of Tunis. It is quite ridiculous that the Board occasionally should deal with a vast variety of subjects, including distribution of profits, boundaries, security, expenses, and the insurance of players, yet never concern itself with the vital topic of Test pitches.

## LOCAL OPTION

This is left to local option. It is in these conditions of laissez-faire that the present suspicions have arisen. The evidence of cricket commentators, which I give in the adjoining columns shows clearly that England's revolution for honest dealings in cricket has been compromised by rumour, if not by fact.

So what are the facts? Both at Leeds and at Manchester the English selectors left out fast bowlers in favour of a spin attack supported by long batting. They were right to do so, because at Leeds the wicket broke up at the beginning of the second day and at Manchester was taking spin at the end of the first.

This is not in accordance with the known peculiarities of these wickets. Last summer South Africa scored 621 for 8 declared, taking second knock at Manchester, and at Leeds England scored 509 in a third innings.

When this year's wickets are built to last at least until a second-innings? I know wicket-keeping is not an exact science. Groundsmen are not turf accountants. But certainly the Australians can complain that the English have played in this series, with the exception of Lord's, have invalidated fast bowling on which their attack originally was based, and enhanced the value of spin, in which they are deficient.

The arm of coincidence is long but the responsibility of executives of grounds where Test matches are played should not be short.

I can tell you that although England were cock-a-hoop because of their good start at Manchester there was undignified embarrassment among the players because of the way the pitch was playing.

## SOME GAMESMANSHIP

Either these wickets have been prepared subconsciously with concern for the welfare of Lock and Laker, or there has been some gamesmanship which must now be explained away.

I am tempted to make these remarks in the light of a published statement by the Old Trafford groundsmen, who is the agent for the Manchester ground executive.

He was reported to have said: "I made a mistake . . . but the suggestion that I prepared the pitch under instructions is nonsense."

Why were there no instructions? Is a Test match to be left to whims and fancies? Are we to have a Board of Control, which doesn't control?

## Louise Suggs Wins

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## Sports Diary

**TODAY**  
Lawn Bowls  
Men's Open Singles Quarter-finals  
Champion: Shield, PRC HKFC at PRC 11.4 p.m.  
Flag Competition, Shuk-O.  
**TOMORROW**  
Tennis  
Men's "B" Davis Cup v SCAA  
HKFC v USRC; Recreation v CRO (1)  
HKCC v CCC (2); Urban Council v CRO (3)  
Executive Committee, HKBA, Room 200 Alexandra House, 5.30 p.m.  
Monthly Meeting, HK Football Referees Association at EYMCA, 7.45 p.m.  
Water-polo Committee Meeting of HKASA, 15 Seacom Baking Corp, Holland House, 5.30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY

Ladies' Open Singles Champion: Misses at HKCC, HKCC, USRC and KCC.  
Swimming  
RAOC v C.O.D. Annual Swimming gala at Victoria Pool, 1.30 p.m.

## MALAYAN BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS

### It's Indonesia Versus Malaya Affair In Women's Doubles Final

Singapore, Aug. 5.

India faded out of the picture in the 14th Malayan Open Badminton Championships tonight when their last hope in the Men's Doubles, Nandu Nataraj and G. Hemmady were beaten by the Selangor pair, Abdullah Piruz and Mok Yot-wah 7-5, 7-15 in the semi-finals.

It was Nataraj's second defeat of the year.

Ong Fui-lin who will be playing his last match in the Malayan Championships will meet the Indonesian Champion, Eddy Yusaf, in the final.

Miss Yang Wing-ching, an Indonesian girl, entered the finals of the Women's Singles with a walkover from her team mate, Miss Tjoe Sioe-kin.

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Herklots, G. A. C. 1953. Hong Kong Birds, Pp. vii+233, 11 pls., 8 in. colour, numerous black-and-white drawings in text. Hong Kong: South China Morning Post, Ltd., HK\$35.00.

"...a most welcome handbook for ornithologists resident or stationed in Hong Kong. All the hitherto recorded species are included; plumages are clearly and concisely described, and a short account is given of field characters, voice, habits, status, etc. The illustrations, except for three plates of photographs, are all by Cdr. A. M. Hughes, and include four attractive plates of the heads of 42 species and many useful drawings in the text. The writer of this review would have handled greatly from this book when stationed in Hong Kong some years ago. Even now, on returning to it, some 40 unfamiliar species on which notes were made at the time have almost all proved easily identifiable." - D. W. B.

(Extract from "The Bird" official organ of the British Ornithologists' Union, British Museum).

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# SCIENCE & ENGINEERING

## Drip Feed Technique For New Gear Hardening Furnaces

New electric furnaces recently installed at the Elswick and Scotswood Works of Vickers-Armstrongs (Engineers) Ltd include two batch furnaces with separate cooling chambers, for gas carburising gear wheels, and a continuous hardening furnace with a roller hearth.

## MINIATURE ELECTRIC SWITCHES

To meet specifications of Britain's Ministry of Supply, Dunlop Rubber Company Ltd (Aviation Division) has developed miniature electric switches. They are primarily designed to meet the need to house several switches within the small compass of an aircraft control handle; they can also be supplied as separate entities.

The push-button switch has been approved by the Ministry of Supply for general aircraft duty at 2.0 ampere (non-inductive) and 0.5 ampere (inductive).

It has been designed for rapid make and break and to give the minimum contact resistance. The switch contacts are of silver.

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## MAN-CARRYING CENTRIFUGE

To facilitate medical research into the effects of high speed flight on the human body a man-carrying centrifuge has been designed and installed at Britain's Royal Air Force Institute of Aviation Medicine.

Incorporated in the equipment is a tele-talk apparatus which enables the subject to describe to an observer what occurs during the test.

The contract for the installation was placed by the Air Ministry with M. J. Wild and Company Ltd, Argyle Street, Netherhill, Birmingham, England.

The firm acted as main contractors, while the electrical plant and control gear was supplied by the General Electric Company Ltd, Kingsway, London, England.

Basically, the centrifuge consists of a horizontal arm rotating under a precisely controlled cycle of acceleration and deceleration which can be accurately repeated any number of times. About 60 feet long, the arm has a car suspended at each end, and is mounted on a 12-ton flywheel attached to a vertical spindle driving motor installed in a central pit in the centrifuge chamber.

Very complex problems of design had to be overcome before constructional details could be decided. Briefly, the basic theory of operation can be simply stated as follows: the cars attached to the arm, when rotated at uniform speed by the driving motor, are subjected to an acceleration, in a direction towards the axis of rotation of magnitude 2*ω*<sup>2</sup> where the *ω* is the angular velocity and the *r* the radius of the arm. Thus the magnitude of the acceleration is controlled by the speed of the motor and the effective radius of the arm; therefore, the rate of change of acceleration is governed by the rate of change of motor speed.

Each car is mounted on transverse, fore and aft, so that it can swing out to maintain the duration of the constant acceleration on the subject unchanged as the centrifuge speeds up. At maximum motor speed of 88 revolutions per minute and the full radius of 30 feet, the acceleration produced has a magnitude of approximately 30 times the normal acceleration of gravity. The centrifuge can be operated either manually or automatically by a controller.

The processing atmospheres are generated within the furnaces from a liquid mixture introduced by a drip feed technique.

The furnaces were designed and supplied by The General Electric Company Ltd which also developed the special fluid from which the atmospheres are obtained.

The carburising furnaces are of identical design each having a set of three baskets to carry the charge, with effective dimensions 25 in. in diameter and 30 in. deep.

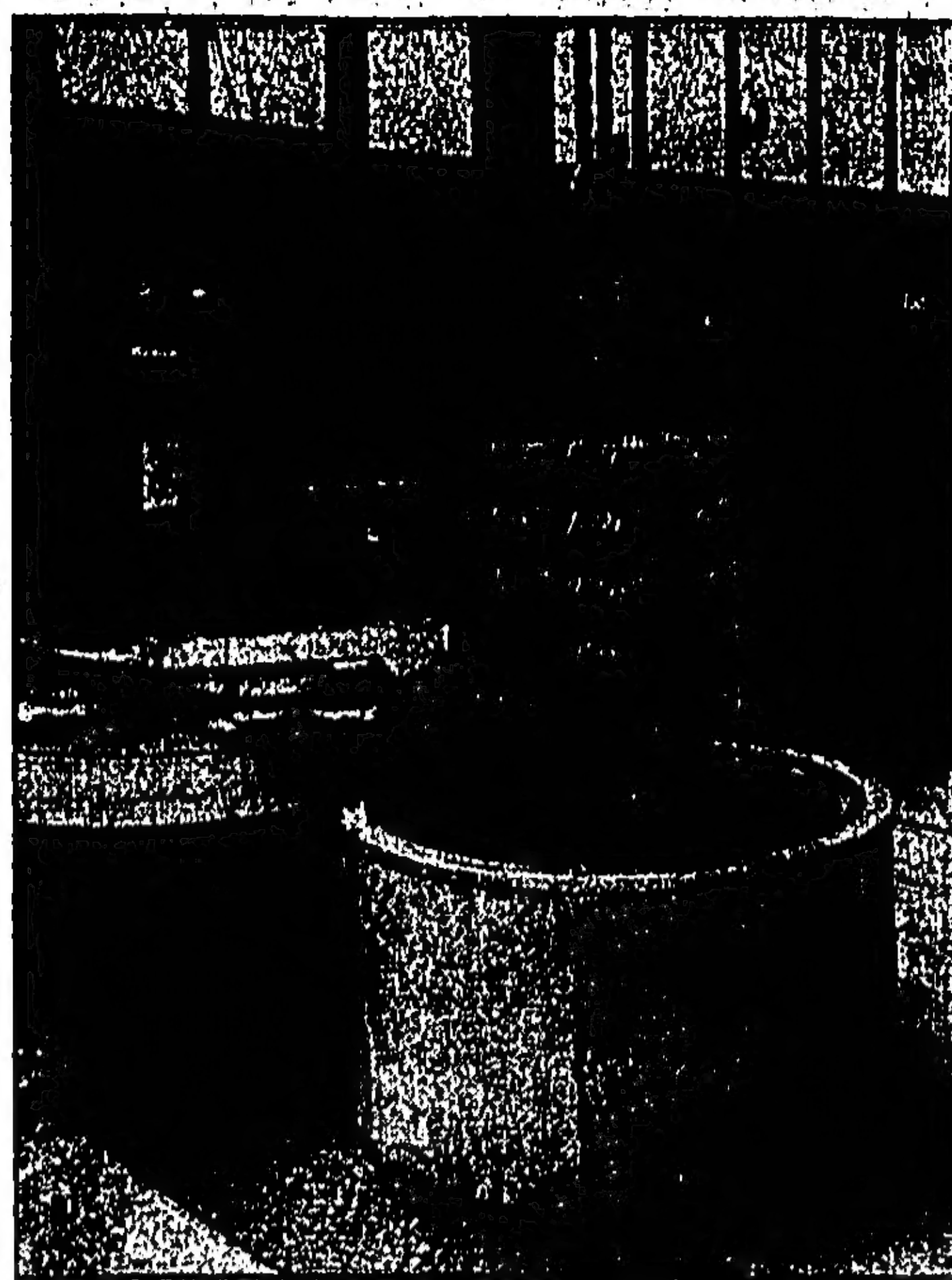
Inside each furnace is a heat-resisting steel lining, which is supported by a wide flange and is free to expand at the base with the increase in temperature.

Round the outer periphery of the chamber is a seal channel which takes the furnace lid to effect a gas tight seal.

The bottom of the chamber extends into an oil sealing trough.

Each furnace is closed by an easily operated lift and swing lid having a leaf spring and a ratchet operated lifting lever.

The lids are lined on the inside with heat-resisting steel plate. They are centrally supported and can be rotated with tommy bars for bedding down in the sand seals.



A charge of gear wheels being removed from the cooling chamber which forms part of the G.E.C. gas carburising furnace installation of the Scotswood Works of Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd.

## Straddle Carrier

RECENTLY on exhibition in London was a straddle carrier which, since it obviates the need for cranes and overhead gantries, can be put to a number of uses.

The size of the loads which it can handle with ease can be judged from the fact that an average saloon car finds ample parking space under the huge vehicle.

An indication of the speed at which the carrier can operate was seen in recent tests which demonstrated that it could pick up from ground level, transport a distance of 220 yards (201 metres) and set down a load of seven and a half tons, 23 feet (seven metres) in length, and return unladen to the starting point in an inclusive time of 80 seconds.

It is possible to pick up at the rate of 300 tons per hour and move the loads a distance of 220 yards. Firm: British Straddle Carrier Company Ltd of 7, Chesterfield Gardens, London, W1.

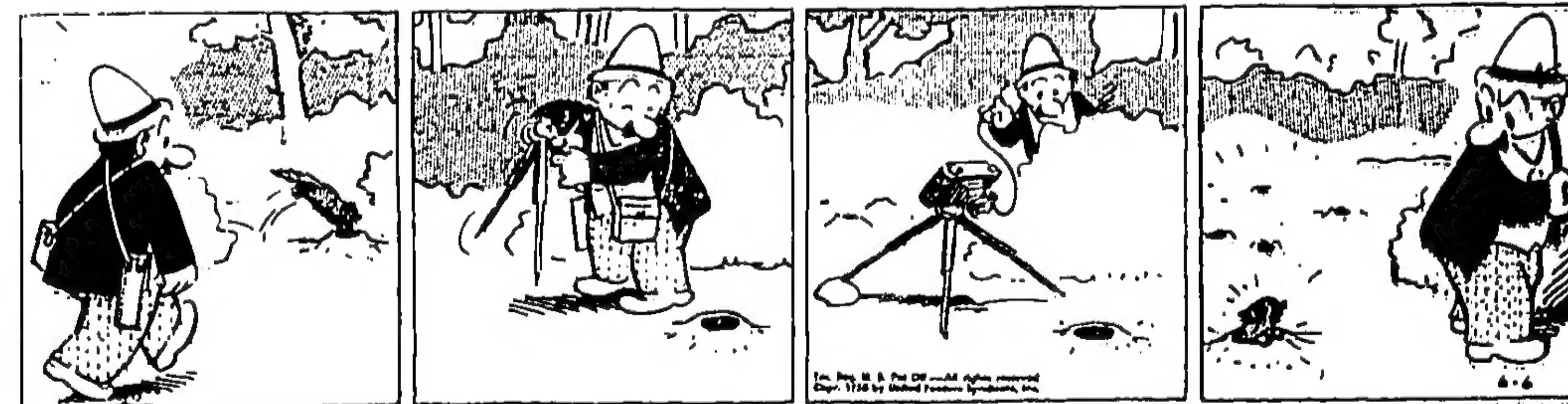
## MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

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## BATTERY-OPERATED FLUORESCENT LIGHTING

A CONVERTOR unit has been designed which is claimed to give a suitable output sufficient to operate two 15-watt fluorescent tubes from a 12-volt direct current battery supply.

It is stated to be suitable, among other uses, for the lighting of small sailing craft, caravans, market stalls and small mobile workshops. Successful tests have also been made with it to excite "brilliant" poster paints and inks in the dark.

By use of the equipment, adequate fluorescent lighting can be obtained for a battery drain of only 4 amperes at 12 volts or 2 amperes at 24 volts.

The output from the convertor unit is fed to two trough units accommodating the 18-inch (45.7 centimetres) fluorescent tubes.

For the ultra-violet application these troughs are fitted with special glass filters to exclude all visible light.

When used with normal tubes for emergency or portable lighting the filters are replaced by clear glass screens.

The convertor unit (type X18) measures 13 inches by 5 inches by 5 inches (33 centimetres by 12.7 centimetres by 12.7 centimetres) and weighs ten pounds (4.535 kilograms).

Full information can be obtained from Esaco Electrical (Holdings) Ltd, Brighton Terrace, London, SW6, England.

## Small Objects Profile Projector

Now in production is a profile projector which is designed to project magnified forms of small parts, such as screw-threads, on to a screen which is an integral part of the projector.

Small objects are placed on the platform which is situated at right-angles to the optical-axis of the projection-lens and, by means of a micrometer screw, the image of the part is thrown on to the instrument-screen.

The platform or stage is adjusted by means of a micrometer movement-control. Illumination is provided by a 100-watt pre-focused projection-type lamp.

The projection-lens is an achromatic doublet giving a magnification of X10. A supplementary lens can be provided to increase the magnification to X15.

Either lens gives good definition, colour correction and freedom from distortion. Objects up to three-quarter inch diameter are covered by the X10 objective, and items up to three-eighths inch in diameter with the X15 objective.

For accurate projection of profiles, especially of screw-threads, the object must be illuminated with a parallel light-beam, and a computed condenser-lens is fitted to achieve this. The screen consists of two sheets of glass approximately 8 inches by 8 inches, between which is sandwiched a sheet of Ektalux tracing film. An enlarged drawing of the profile being made can be drawn on the tracing material and the projector can then be used as a comparator. The projector is 23.25 inches in height, 10 inches in width, and 19.25 inches in depth. It weighs 21 pounds. Firm is: Newbold and Bulford Ltd, Embeco House, Roger Street, Grays Inn, London, WC1, England.

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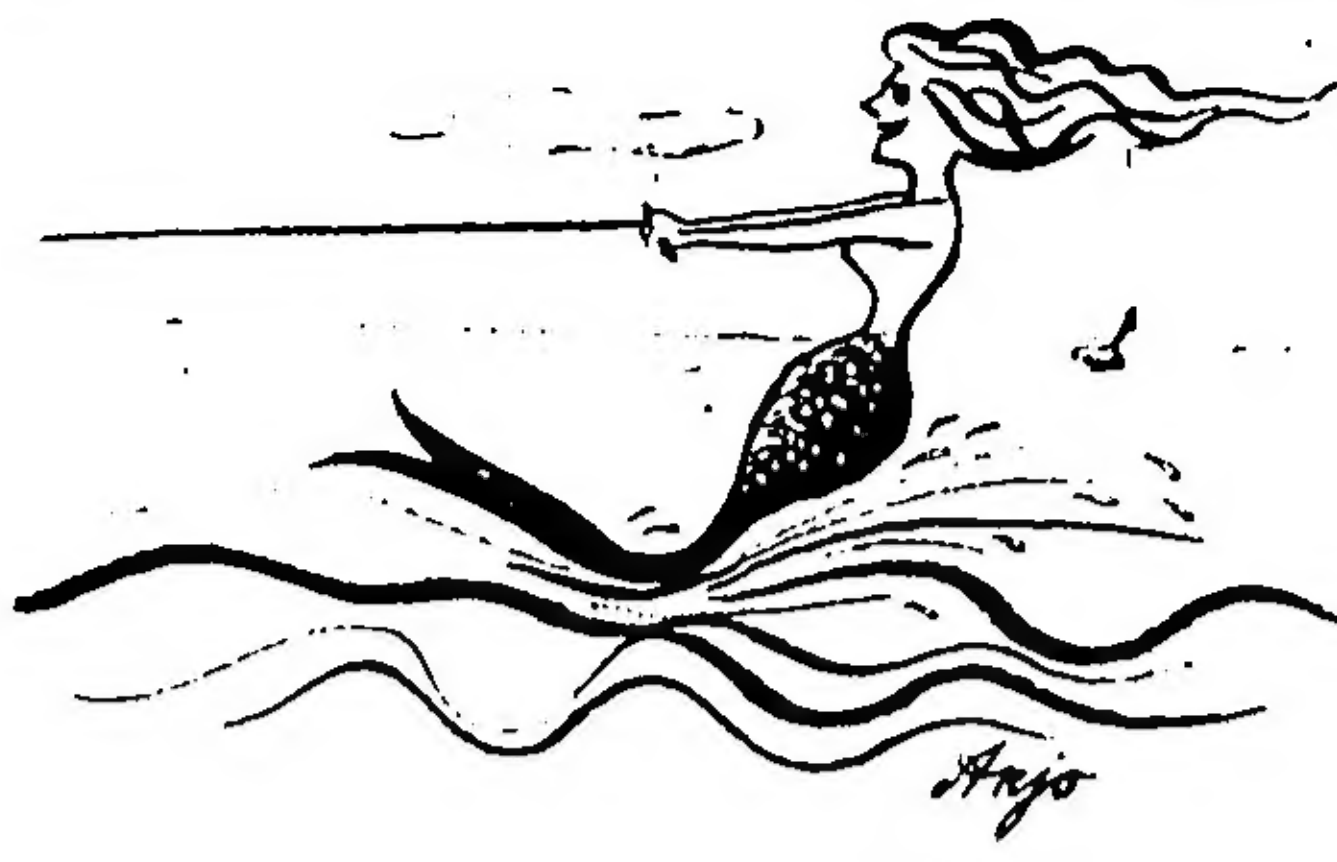
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## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### If The Shoe Fits

THEY were busy in the women's department of the shoe shop. Shoeboxes rose in piles like defences hurriedly thrown up against an expected enemy, and assistants flew among them, adding now to this one, now to that, as their customers changed their minds.

Standing forlorn and ill-at-ease on the outskirts of the busy scene, was a bald-headed little man who looked as though he had come there somehow by accident, and would have given much to escape.

The little man was named Joseph, and as he stood there, gently rocking the manager of the shop spotted him.

#### HIGH HEELS

As soon as he was able, the manager came to Joseph's rescue. "What can I have the pleasure of?" he began.

"I've an old friend works here," said Joseph. "I'd like to speak to her."

"Perhaps you could wait," the manager said. Joseph nodded.

Presently the manager came back. "The name of your friend is..." he began.

"I'm waiting for my wife," I tell you," Joseph snapped.

The manager was trying to get the situation clear in his mind, when his glance happened to fall on one of the pockets of Joseph's mackintosh. From it stuck the high heels of a pair of women's shoes.

#### THE CHASE

"THOSE shoes," the manager said, "have you?"

Joseph did not want to hear the last he turned for the street door and fled. The manager gave chase and caught him after a run of 200 yards. Youth was on his side, for Joseph is 69.

At the Clarendon court next morning, Joseph was charged with stealing the shoes.

"I plead guilty," he said, "because I was drunk."

That amounted to a not guilty plea, so the evidence was given in full and when all had been said, the magistrate, Mr Frank Powell, found the case proved.

#### OUT AND ABOUT AGAIN

"Is anything known about him?" Mr Powell asked.

"There are 46 previous convictions," a policeman said.

"Do you know when the first was?" the magistrate asked.

The policeman did not, but Joseph chipped in cheerfully: "It was 1919, sir, and I was..."

As though he was about to recite a long tale, often told, the magistrate halted him.

"What do you want to say about this case?" he asked.

"Well, since I came out last," said Joseph, "I been under treatment for lumbago. It's only the past few days I've been able to get out and about at all, and what happens? I'll tell you, I have a few pints of elder-berries!"

#### NEVER THERE

"WHAT'S this story you were telling about waiting in the shop for your wife?"

"I was never in the shop," said Joseph, "least I don't ever remember going in."

"You seem to me to be an incorrigible rogue," said the magistrate.

"I'd not say that," Joseph answered. "I've not a friend in the world."

Well, you must go to London Sessions for sentence," said the magistrate. "You can tell the judge there what you've got to say."

"I'll do that," Joseph said, and he went thoughtfully away, already putting together his defence, of how he should convince the judge at Sessions that he was not incorrigible. That the shoe did not fit.

## EVE PERRICK



**PROGRESS REPORT:  
THE COUNTESS OF DUDLEY  
IS DOING FINE DOWN IN  
SUBURBIA**

SAID the Countess of Dudley, inviting me to lunch, "Could you possibly make it Wednesday — it's a half-day." So Wednesday it was. We met in a very chic Mayfair club. The countess wore a sleek dress of embroidered cotton made of a material she had selected for Christian Dior during the time she worked for him, and gave me the progress report of her first six months as suburban shopkeeper.

Lady Dudley, the high society hostess and champion horse-woman, went, as they say, "into trade" by way of a fashion and furnishing fabric shop in Rayner's Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, at the beginning of the year.

I commenced at the time that I hoped I had been in at the beginning of a vast new commercial empire, and it looks as if I might have been. In a few weeks' time the countess is going to open her third branch—at Boreham Wood, one of the "new towns."

#### THE TAKINGS

"MAINLY council-house type of trade," said the peeress, who used to have, among others, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor as house-guests. "But I'd like to bet it proves the biggest money-maker of them all."

At the other two shops (the second one was launched at Cockfosters, Herts, last Easter), the money comes in to the pretty tune of £1,800 on Saturdays.

"Saturdays are our big days," said Lady Dudley. "It's like a bear-garden in both shops. I go to Rayner's Lane and I send my cook to Cockfosters to help cope with the business."

The enterprise has progressed rapidly, but naturally she had to learn the hard way.

"I've been finding out about an entirely new world, full of exceedingly nice people. I made mistakes of course."

"One thing I know now is that, in the suburbs people insist on curtila material that shows the pattern on the outside. I've tried to tell them about the benefits of lining curtains but to no avail."

"Curtains, apparently, are meant to impress their neighbours rather than please themselves."

#### SILK FOR BEST

"I've learned, too, that while the young girls have taken to cottons in a big way, their mothers still like to have something silky for best."

Lady Dudley's social life is not having to be radically readjusted. "I'm only having to give up my days, dinners, dances, charity balls take place after shop hours anyway. And anyway I've got to the age (she is 49) when for me the ball is over at 2.30 a.m. I don't want to go on somewhere at 4."

Friends who wish to see her during the hours of 9 to 5.30, drive to Pinner. "They come really to buy stuff cheaper than they'll get it in Mayfair. I've become a sort of 'I can get it for you wholesale' symbol."

#### 7-DAY ITCH

THE battle of the blondes across the printed pages this week, and I have been suffering a seven-days' itch to put Miss Dora in her place in relation to Miss Monroe.

For, to use the idiom of her adopted country, dear D is playing way out of her league.

Miss Monroe is an international star who made the biggest headlines of her career up to that time when she walked out of a Hollywood contract who is married to a playwright of distinction; who came here to co-star on a full partnership basis with Britain's most renowned actor-knight.

Miss Dora is our local girl making good in Hollywood mainly by the type of publicity Miss Monroe hopes she has outgrown; who on ex-cinema commissionaire turned business man, who went there to play stooge to the American TV comic George Gobel, who is about the same physical size and professional stature as our Mr Norman Wisdom.

#### LET-DOWN

WHICH brings me to the Marilyn Monroe story of the week.

At the studio gates they were greeted by one of the P.R.O.s, taken on the V.I.P. tour which included a turn in the grounds (in the ruin), and an inspection of the props department.

#### IN A FOG

THEY visited the set where Donald Sinden was murdering someone in a fog. Fumes from the fog-machine affected the sensitive throat of the sheik and he began coughing violently.

The three young men, two very dejected and one nearly choking, called it day. Said Mr Hardy philosophically later that evening: "I suppose if we'd stopped to think we'd have realised that Miss Monroe had probably never even heard of us. So I will just have to tell my grandchildren about the time I ate fish and chips with Diana Dora."

Mr Hardy, however, agrees with my assessment that it is not nearly the same thing.

#### HIS VERY OWN

MR WOODROW WYATT, I am now informed, is not having voice production lessons, Mr Wyatt, it seems, was deeply mortified at the very idea. He says that he was using those same cultured tones to talk to the workers when I was in pigtails.

And for that last misleading, but encouraging, statement I could yet learn to love the 38-year-old "Panorama" personality, with or without an Oxford accent.

## RADIO HONGKONG

H.K.T. 12 noon, "Oklahoma" — Excerpta from the film production. Starring Gordon MacRae and Shirley Jones. 12.30 p.m. Double Attraction. Lena Horne Jackie Gleason & his Orchestra. 1. Time Signal. "Melodies you remember." Westminster Light Orchestra. 1.15. News, Weather Report and Special Announcements. 1.30. "Music from Spain" Orquesta Sinfonica Espanola. Amparo Ibarri (piano). Tito Schipa (tenor). 2.30. "With love from a Chorus" Robert Shaw Chorus. 3 (approx). Masters of Melody. Charles Williams and his Orchestra. The Music of Edward German (BBCRS). 3.30. Ted Heath and his London Palladium. 4. Thirty Minute Theatre. "The Romance of Horatio Spensley" by Charles Dickens. Produced by Wilfrid Grantham. 4.30. Tea Time Concert. Tom Jenkins and the Palm Court Orchestra. 5. Rex Harrison and Julie Andrews in the new musical play "MY FAIR LADY". Adapted from Bernard Shaw's "Pygmalion" by Frederick Loeve. Music by Stanley Holloway, Robert Coote and the

cast of the original Broadway Production. 5. Time Signal and Programme Summary. 5.55. Academy Award Hits from 1928 to 1945, sung by Popular Singers. 6.20. "Masters of Priority" A new series of programmes prepared by the United Nations Radio, N.Y. 6.25. "Prospectus for Prosperity" (Financing Economic Development). 6.45. "Box 200" Bert Elliott at the piano. 7.30. "On the Mellow" Introduced by David Lyle. Compiled by Timothy Birch. 7.55. Weather Report. 8. Time Signal and News. 8.55. Commentary or Story from Items. 9.15. "Rembrandt, Between Basel and Museum". 9.30. "Joyce Grenfell requests the Pleasure". 9.45. Time Signal. Italy After King and his Orchestra. 10.30. "The Romance of Horatio Spensley" by Charles Dickens. Produced by Wilfrid Grantham. 10.30. "Music from Spain" Orquesta Sinfonica Espanola. Amparo Ibarri (piano). Tito Schipa (tenor). 11.30. "With love from a Chorus" Robert Shaw Chorus. 11.55. "Masters of Melody". Charles Williams and his Orchestra. 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